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Preface

BENEVOL is a series of workshops for researchers from Belgium and the Netherlands in the domain of software evolution. The BENEVOL workshop is a platform for researchers to present finished and ongoing research and to discuss with their colleagues. The goal of BENEVOL is to stimulate collaboration between the workshop participants. Previous editions of BENEVOL were held at the Centrum voor Wiskunde en Informatica (CWI) in Amsterdam (2003) and at the Universiteit Antwerpen (2004).

The third edition of BENEVOL was held at the Technische Universiteit Eindhoven (TU/e) on May 26th and May 27th, 2005. Researchers from various institutions in Belgium and the Netherlands participated in the workshop. The workshop was organized by Christian Lange and Michel Chaudron from the System Architecture and Networking group (SAN) at the TU/e and Tom Tourwé from the CWI.

The program of the workshop contained 14 presentations that were grouped into sessions covering the following topics:

- Aspect-Oriented Software Evolution, including evolution of aspect programs, identification of aspects, and extraction of aspects. (Session chair: Tom Tourwé)
- Model-Driven Software Evolution, including model extraction, code generation, and co-evolution. (Session chair: Michel Chaudron)
- Formal Foundations of Software Evolution, including formal refactorings, and models for evolution. (Session chair: Tom Verhoeff)
- Understanding Evolution, including quality metrics, visualizing evolution, and studying change histories. (Session chair: Kim Mens)
- Tool demonstrations.

This report contains the slides of twelve of the presentations. Most presentations were revised after the workshop such that they cover the feedback from the discussions at BENEVOL. Contact information of the authors is provided in the presentations and additional information is available on the authors' websites.

We would like to thank all participants of the third edition of BENEVOL for their attendance, presentations and discussions, and Cecile Brouwer and Richard Verhoeven for their help during the organization, which made it a successful workshop. We would also like to thank the System Architecture and Networking group of the TU/e and the FWO WOG scientific research network on Foundations of Software Evolution for sponsoring the workshop.

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Presentations



A Qualitative Comparison of Three Aspect Mining Techniques

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Aspect mining

- Identification of crosscutting concerns in existing software systems
- Starting point for system exploration
- Support program comprehension, software maintenance and evolution
 - e.g. migrating to an AOP solution

Goal: high degree of automation

Comparison and combination of mining techniques

- Understand what “assumptions” (about crosscutting concerns) the techniques rely on
- Evaluate strengths and weaknesses
- Mutual filtering / completion
- Enhance automation through a multi-technique approach and tool

Three aspect mining techniques

UCL – Identifier Analysis –



Use FCA to group classes/methods with similar names

	figure	drawing	request	remove	update	change	event	...
drawingRequestUpdate(DrawingChangeEvent e)	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	...
figureRequestRemove(FigureChangeEvent e)	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	...
figureRequestUpdate(FigureChangeEvent e)	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	...
figureRequestRemove(FigureChangeEvent e)	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	...
figureRequestUpdate(FigureChangeEvent e)	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	...
...	X

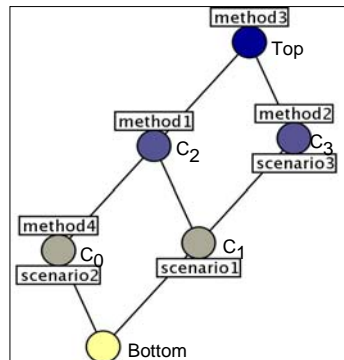
Three aspect mining techniques



– Dynamic Analysis –

Use FCA to associate methods with the most specific use case scenarios in which they are executed

	meth ₁	meth ₂	meth ₃	meth ₄
scen ₁	x	x	x	
scen ₂	x		x	x
scen ₃		x	x	

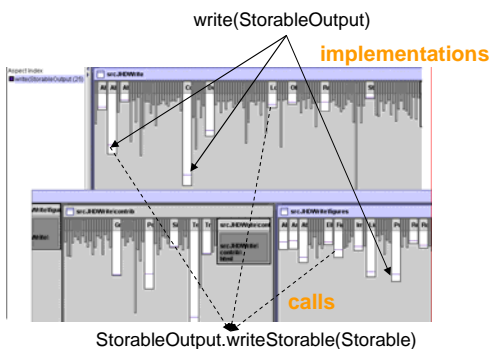


Concept lattice with sparse labeling

Three aspect mining techniques



– Fan-in analysis –



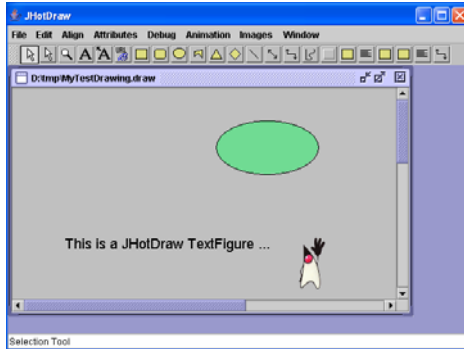
Persistence concern

Concerns

- Contract enforcement
- Consistent behavior
- Scattered implementation relying on common functionality
- Design patterns with specific structure

JHotDraw

– common benchmark for aspect mining –



- Framework for 2D graphics
- ~18,000NCLOC
- Open-source (jhotdraw.org)
- Good design – GoF patterns (Gamma et al.)

Comparison

Concern	Fan-in analysis	Identifier Analysis	Dynamic Analysis
Observer	+	+	+
Consistent Behavior / Contract Enforcement	+	-	-
Command Execution	+	+	-
Bring to front / Send to back	-	-	+
Manage Handles	-	+	+
Move Figures	+ (discarded)	+	+

Conclusions drawn from the results

- **Limitations**
 - **Dynamic** analysis: misses functionalities exercised by *all* traces
 - **Fan-in**: only crosscutting with large extent
 - **Identifier** analysis: relies on naming conventions
- **Combination (orthogonal properties)** – enhance automation and improve individual results

Combination of techniques

- **Increased coverage**
 - the union of discovered results (fan-in + dynamic)
- **Improved completeness** for the discovered aspect “seeds”
 - more elements relevant to the aspect (+ identifier)
- **Coarse-grained aspects**
 - grouping of identifier analysis concepts (fan-in/dynamic)
- **Filtering**
 - Discard irrelevant concepts

Resources

- Detailed results
 - **Fan-in**: swerl.tudelft.nl/amr
 - **Dynamic analysis**: star.itc.it/dynamo/jhotdraw-detailed-results.html
 - **Identifier analysis**: ask me ☺
- *JHotDraw* as benchmark and *AJHotDraw* as showcase for aspect refactoring
- Tools: *Dynamo*, *FanInTool*, *DelfSTof*
- Collaborations
 - *AIRCo/AIRPort*

Metadata and aspect evolution

Experiences in Aspicere

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Aspicere

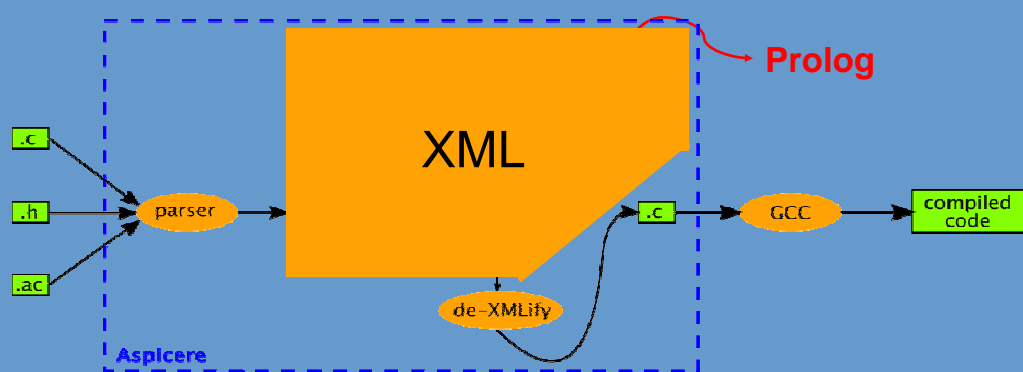
- What's in a name?
 - aspicere = "to look at" (Latin)
 - Here: aspect language for C
- Characteristics:
 - Prolog-based pointcut language
 - Source code weaver
 - Currently only statically determinable joinpoints
 - Likewise no weaving within advices
- Future:
 - Merging into GCC 4.0 ("heterogeneous AOP")
 - cflow, sequence, ...
 - Weaving inside advices

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Outline

1. Aspicere, a short introduction

General architecture



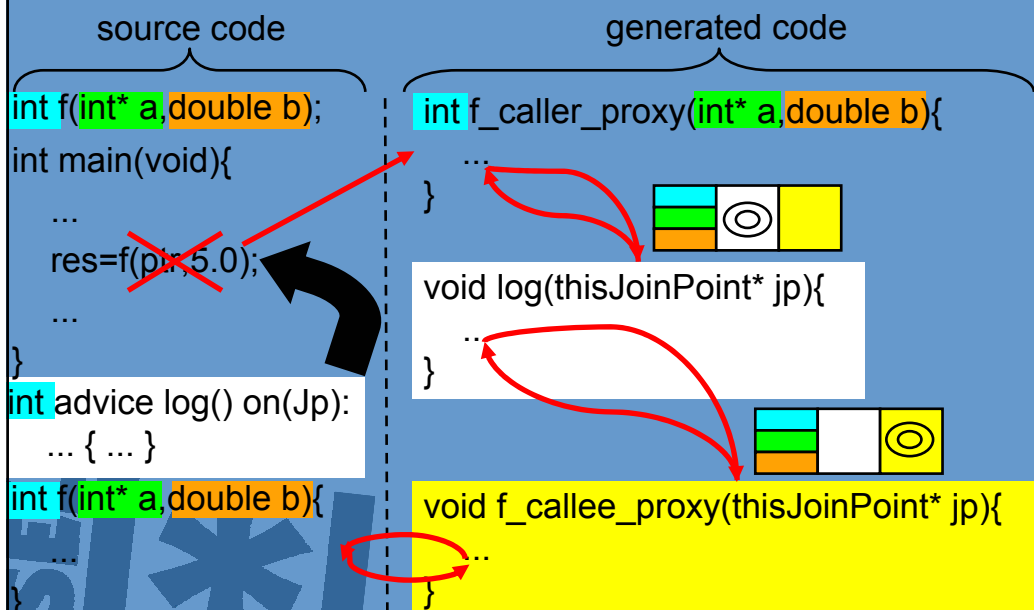
- Weaver ≡ Source-to-source transformer
≡ preprocessor for GCC

More details

1. Parser:
 - btyacc (backtracking): slowwwwwww ...
 - Antlr: very fast + type-checking
2. Extraction:
 - XSLT + XPath (cached)
3. Joinpoint matching (Prolog):
 - Backward chaining
 - Instantiate joinpoints as needed
 - **Bind** weave-time properties
4. Weaving:
 - Depends on joinpoint type
 - Highly procedural
5. De-XMLify:
 - XML to source code

} WHY?

Even more details ...



Example

```
ReturnType advice tracing_nonvoid(ReturnType) on (Jp):  
  call(Jp,_)  
  && type(Jp,ReturnType)  
  && !str_matches("void",ReturnType)  
  {  
    ReturnType i;  
    /* Tracing code */  
    i = proceed ();  
    /* Tracing code */  
    return i;  
  }
```

BINDING

Prolog
predicates

"Templatized"
C

→ Aspect ≡ normal compilation unit enhanced with advice

Bindings

•What?

- Logic variables which are bound and can be used freely throughout advice code
- ≈ C++ template parameter
- cf. Kris Gybels' and Johan Brichau's work, Cobble, LogicAJ, ...

•How?

- Consider tuple of bindings $L=(L_1,\dots,L_n)$
- Instantiate advice once for all solutions for L

Why?

- Leverage power of Prolog → reusable, robust pointcuts
- NECESSITY → no Object-class, nor template parameters

→ generic aspect language

Outline

2. Metadata

Metadata

- What?
 - “data about data”: semantics, design decisions, conventions, ...
- Why?
 - automated (aspectized) evolution, aspect mining, ...
- How?
 - Documentation → Javadoc, Doxygen, ...
 - Separate file → property files, ...
 - Language support → Java 5 annotations, C# custom attributes
 - AOP introduction → AspectJ 5
- In AspectJ:
 - **Prolog** facts & rules ≡ ... ∩ ...
- Future:
 - What about annotations in C?

- loose coupling
- no fixed metadata source
- delocalized

Metadata supply and consumption



Prolog interface

```
ReturnType advice serialize(ReturnType) on (Jp):  
  call(Jp,Name)  
  && type(Jp,ReturnType)  
  && transaction(Name) metadata  
  { /*...*/ }
```

Outline

3. Demonstration

Conclusion and questions

- Conclusion:

- Prolog facts and rules enable transparent storing of metadata
- Aspicere's use of Prolog-like pointcuts allows easy exploitation of metadata

- Questions:

- Does direct language support for metadata (a.k.a. annotations) yield better evolution opportunities than other mechanisms?
- What about availability of metadata?

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Effects of Defects in UML Models



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Overview



- Introduction and Motivation
- Experimental Design
- Results
- Analysis
- Conclusion



Introduction: Empanada



- EmpAnADa project
 - Empirical Analysis of Architecture and Design Quality
 - Early evaluation of quality attributes
 - Metrics for Architecture and Design models
 - Improvement by Refactoring
 - **Completeness and Consistency** checking
 - Development of methods
 - Method validation by Empirical Studies
 - Direct feedback
 - Exploring problems in practice



Introduction: UML issues



- Unified Modeling Language
 - No formal semantics
 - Offers large degree of freedom
 - Extension Mechanisms
 - 9 Diagram types (UML 2 has even 13!!)
 - Diagrams are overlapping!
 - UML is used in many different ways
 - UML Defects:
 - Completeness
 - Consistency

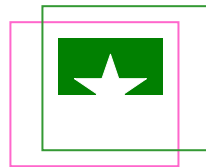


Introduction: Defects



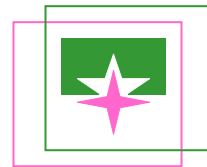
Correct

- Matching elements in overlapping parts of diagrams



Completeness defect

- Missing element



Consistency defect

- Mismatch
- Conflicting elements

Detection by checking rules

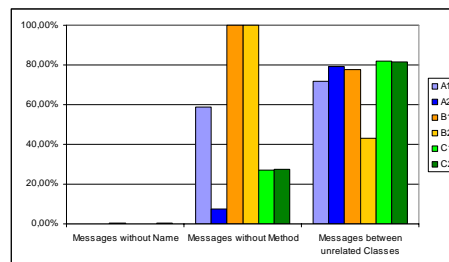
- SAAT
- RPA

Case Study Results




- Our case studies have shown large numbers of defects

- How serious are defects?

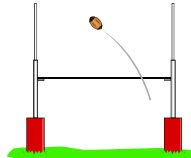


Consistency	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
Messages without Name	0,00%	0,00%	0,28%	0,00%	0,00%	0,46%
Messages without Method	58,73%	7,62%	100,00%	100,00%	27,14%	27,40%
Messages between unrelated Classes	71,94%	79,37%	77,73%	43,14%	81,90%	81,74%

TU/e **Purpose of Study**


 SAN

- Defects occur in practice, but does it matter?
 - Are defects detected in practice?
 - If not, do defects lead to misunderstandings?
- Goal (GQM)
 - *Analyze defects in UML models for the purpose of identifying issues and observations with respect to misunderstandings and ambiguities from the perspective of the researcher in the context of TUE grad students and professionals.*




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TU/e **Experiment Design**



 SAN

- Give UML models to subjects
- Ask question about UML model
 - Two types
 - Which implementation matches the diagrams?
 - How do you interpret these diagrams?
 - Answer from the perspective of the developer.
- Multiple-choice test
 - 4 options
 - + 1 option ("There's something wrong, can't give an answer")
- Background questions
- Pilot run was performed



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TU/e **Experimental Treatment**

- Treatment
 - one of 9 defects
 - no defect
- Defects are injected in model
 - Each *infected* question is paired with a *control question*
- All subjects receive all treatment levels
 - “same subject design”
 - by definition “balanced”
 - all treatment groups have the same background

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TU/e **Treatments: Defects**



- Message without Name
- Message Name does not correspond to Method
- Message in the wrong direction
- Class from CD not in SD
- Class from SD not in CD
- Use Case without SD
- Multiple definitions of Class with equal Name
- Method from SD not in CD
- Method from CD not in SD

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TU/e Example Question

□ Suppose you are developer in this banking software project. It is your task to implement class ATM. Please indicate how you would implement the ATM class given these two UML diagrams?

<p>A) <i>SD leading</i></p> <pre> Class ATM{ Method getCardInserted(){ c.requestPIN(); dosomething; a.open() } ...} </pre>	<p>B) <i>CD leading</i></p> <pre> Class ATM{ Method getCardInserted(){ c.requestPIN(); dosomething; a.lock() } ...} </pre>	<p>C) <i>wrong</i></p> <pre> Class ATM{ method getCardInserted(){ c.requestPIN(); dosomething; a.acknowledge() } ...} </pre>	<p>D) <i>CD leading</i></p> <pre> Class ATM{ method getCardInserted(){ c.requestPIN(); dosomething; a.validate() } ...} </pre>	<p>Something is wrong!</p>
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TU/e Results of Question

Inconsistency: Message Name does not correspond to Method

Option	Count
a	70
b	2
c	1
d	5
e(error)	32
multi	3

Message does not correspond to Method - Controle (Q4)

Option	Count
a	1
b	100
c	1
d	0
e(error)	1
multi	1

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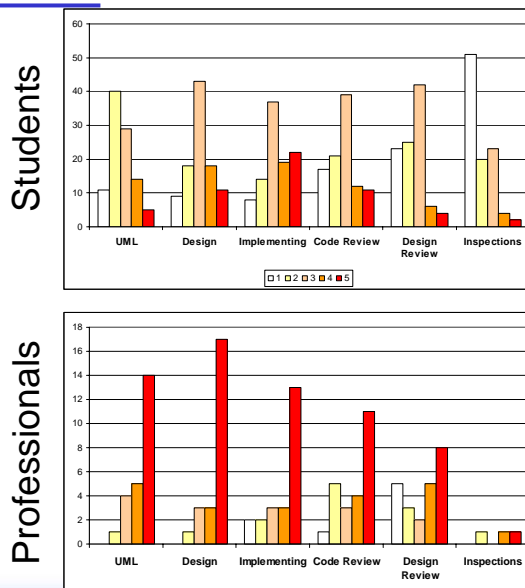
Subjects



- 110 Students
 - 1st year MSc programme (TUE)
 - Course: Software Architecture (2II10)
 - Preparation
 - Lecture about UML
 - 5 weeks assignment: designing and evaluating UML
- Professionals
 - Completed online questionnaire
 - Emailed URL to contacts and newsgroups
 - 45 answered Q1 - 24 answered Q10



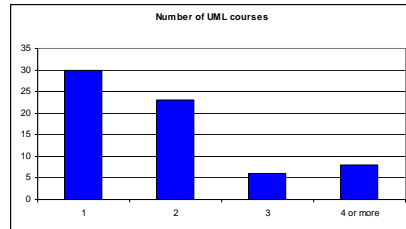
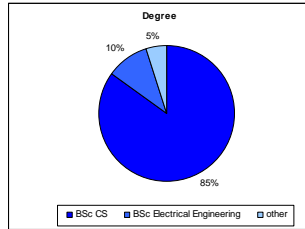
Subjects' Experience



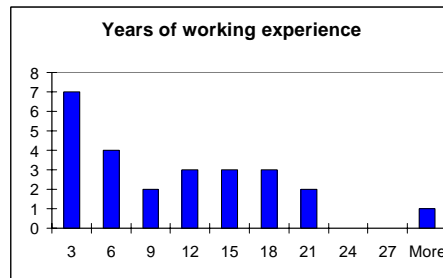
Subjects' Experience II



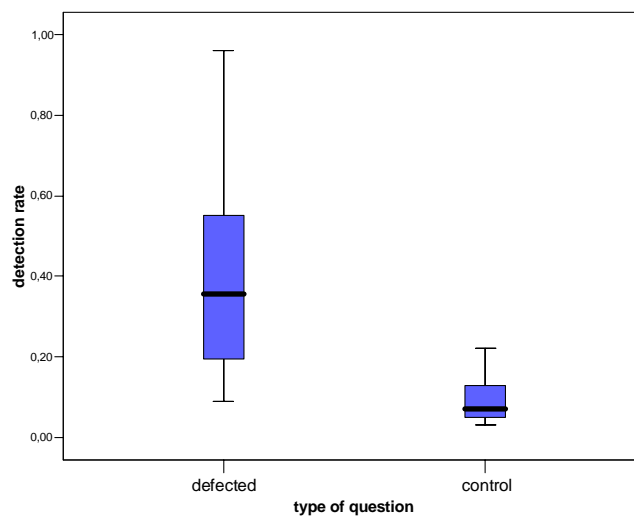
Students




Professionals



Results: Detection



TU/e **Results: Detection II**


 Defects

- Sorted by detection rate (students)

Defect	Stud.	Prof.
Class not in SD (symb.)	0,95	0,96
Message without Name	0,69	0,60
Message in the wrong Direction	0,60	0,58
UC without SD	0,50	0,52
Method not in CD	0,49	na
Message without Method (symb.)	0,49	0,33
Class not in SD	0,47	0,68
Message without Method	0,39	0,38
Class not in CD	0,18	0,11
Method not in SD	0,14	na
Multiple Class defs.	0,10	0,33
<i>Average</i>	<i>0,46</i>	<i>0,50</i>
<i>Std Dev</i>	<i>0,26</i>	<i>0,25</i>
<i>Max</i>	<i>0,95</i>	<i>0,96</i>
<i>Min</i>	<i>0,10</i>	<i>0,11</i>

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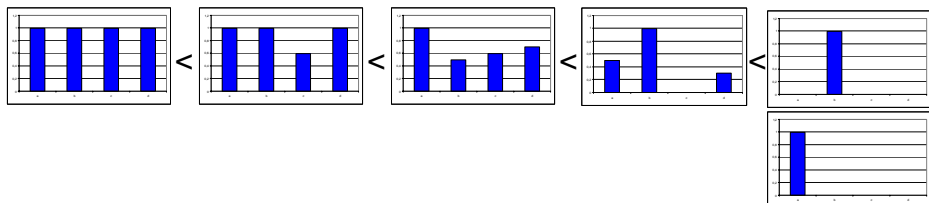
TU/e **Variability Measure (Entropy)**

 If a defect is not detected, does it lead to misinterpretation?

$$VarM(k_0..k_{i-1}) = 1 - 2 \frac{\sum_{i=0}^K k_i i}{N(K-1)}$$

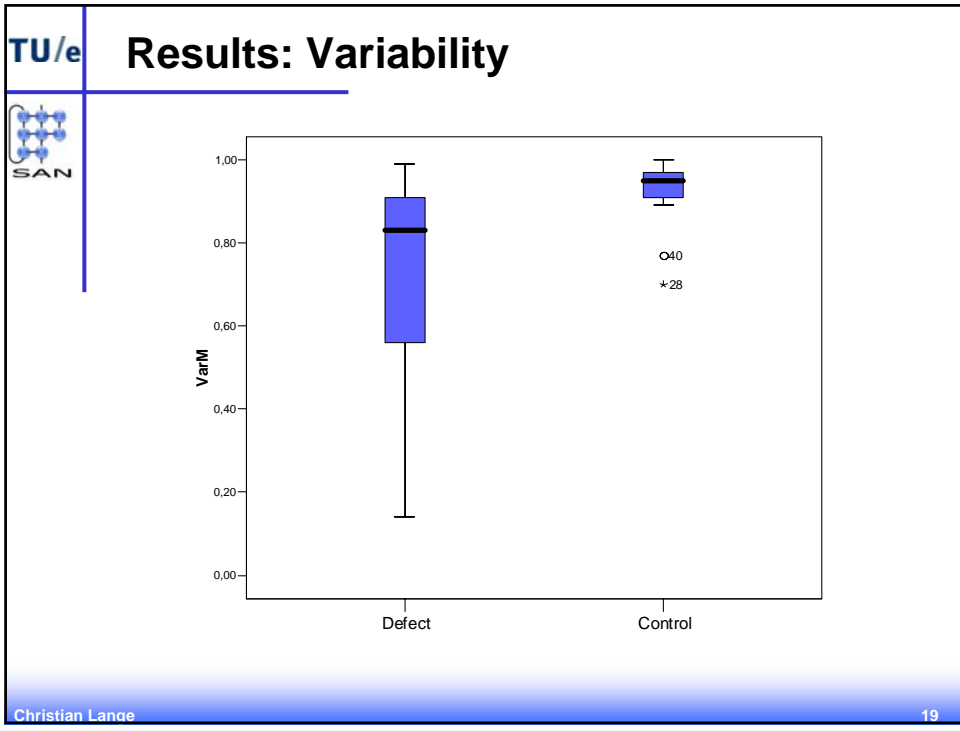
- K = Number of options, N = Sum of all answers,
- k_i = # of answers of option i (k_i 's are ordered: k_i ≤ k_{i+1})

Intuition: Measuring how discriminating a distribution is



VarM=0 VarM=1

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TU/e Results: Variability

Defects


Sorted according to VarM

Defect	Stud.	Prof.
Multiple Class defs. (meth.)	0,92	0,68
Message without Method (symb.)	0,86	0,94
Message without Method	0,84	0,90
UC without SD	0,83	0,44
Class not in CD (meth.)	0,83	0,93
Method not in CD	0,69	n/a
Method not in SD	0,67	n/a
Class not in SD	0,49	0,64
Message in the wrong Direction	0,47	0,95
Message without Name	0,47	0,44
Class not in SD (symb.)	0,34	0,14
<i>Average</i>	<i>0,71</i>	<i>0,80</i>
<i>Std Dev</i>	<i>0,16</i>	<i>0,21</i>
<i>Max</i>	<i>0,86</i>	<i>0,95</i>
<i>Min</i>	<i>0,47</i>	<i>0,44</i>

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TU/e		Severity		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Product of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Detection rate ➤ VarM 	Defect	Stud.	Prof.
		Message without Name	0,37	0,26
		Message in the wrong Direction	0,32	0,55
		Class not in SD (symb.)	0,32	0,14
	<input type="checkbox"/> Combination of low detection rate and many different interpretations (low VarM) →causes most misunderstandings	Class not in SD	0,24	0,44
		Method not in CD	0,15	n/a
		UC without SD	0,09	0,23
		Message without Method (symb.)	0,07	0,31
		Message without Method	0,06	0,34
		Method not in SD	0,05	n/a
		Class not in CD	0,03	0,21
		Multiple Class defs.	0,01	0,23

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TU/e		Domain Knowledge
	“There are no defctcs in UML models that IPA members create!”	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Can defects be corrected by using context knowledge (domain knowledge) ?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> We made equal questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One version with “context” (Traincrossing, Sensor) ➤ One version without (Class A, Method 3) 	
	<input type="checkbox"/> (Cultural background was taken into account)	

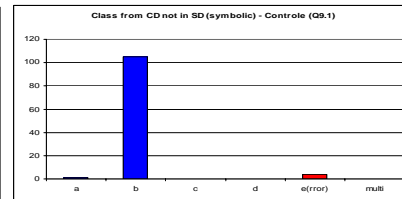
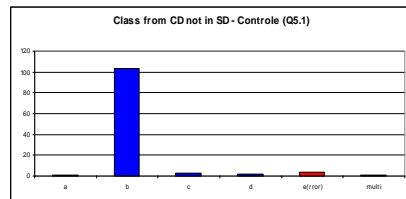
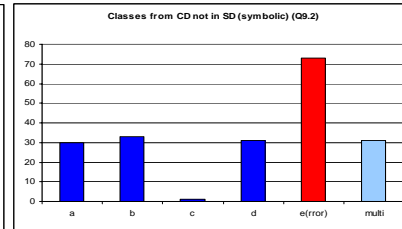
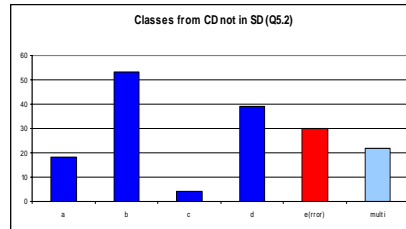
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Domain Knowledge

Detection Rate 0.47
VarM 0.49

No Domain Knowledge

0.95
0.34



Is it valid to generalize the outcome of the students experiment?

Pearson Correlation

➤ Between student results and professional results

➤ For detection rate: 0.929 (p-value < 0,001)

➤ For VarM: 0.643 (p-value < 0,004)

➤ "significant" = p-value < 0,05

Order of Diagrams



- In most cases the sequence diagram was regarded as the *leading* diagram
- To investigate order effects, we presented some questions in a second run with the diagrams in reversed order

- Pearson Correlation
 - Professionals vs. reversed
 - Detection rate: 0.824 (p-value: 0.044)
 - VarM: 0.899 (p-value: 0.015)
 - Students vs. reversed
 - Detection rate: 0.913 (p-value: 0.011)
 - VarM: 0.638 (p-value: 0.173)

Conclusions




- It makes sense to detect defects!
- Defects in UML models
 - are detected only to a rather low degree
 - do cause misunderstandings
- We ordered defects according to severity
- Domain knowledge matters!
 - But can cause misunderstandings
- Order of models does not matter

- Fault-injection in UML models

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Lessons learned


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- ❑ Experimenting is not as simple as it seems
 - Design
 - ❑ What is the question? Hypothesis?
 - ❑ What are the variables?
 - ❑ How to distribute the treatments over the subjects?
 - Preparation
 - ❑ Experiment Material
 - Carefully instructing the subjects
 - Analysis
 - ❑ Using the proper methods

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Assessing Correspondence between Design and Implementation

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Outline

- Introduction
- What is correspondence?
- Matching of implementation pieces to design elements
- Highlighting differences
- Case study
- Conclusion



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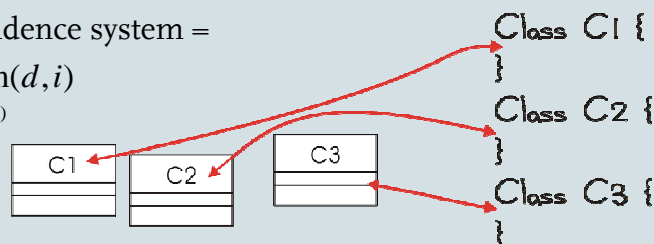
Introduction

- Correspondence:
 - Similarity between design and implementation
- Correspondence vs. evolution
 - Correspondence degrades if implementation evolves but design doesn't
 - Correspondence ↓
 - ⇒ Maintainability ↓
 - ⇒ Evolution effort ↑

What is correspondence?

- Expressed in terms of the model elements
 - Design: classes, interfaces, ...
 - Implementation: class declaration, interface specification,...
- Mapping between design elements and implementation elements
- Correspondence system =

$$\sum_{d \in D, i \in I | eq(d,i)} sim(d,i)$$



Typical deviations from design

- Structural
 - Easy to check
 - Examples
 - Introduction of new classifiers
 - Differences in names
 - Introduction of new operations and attributes
 - Introduction of dependencies and associations
- Behavioral
 - Hard to check
 - Examples
 - Incompatible message sequences
- Not all deviations are equally problematic



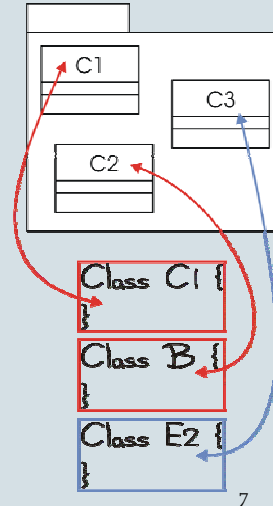
Finding the matching

- Given:
 - Set of design classifiers
 - Set of implementation classifiers
- Problem:
 - Find the design pieces and implementation pieces that were meant to be “the same”
- Different approaches
 - Classifier names
 - Structural properties
 - Package information
 - Metric profile



Using package information

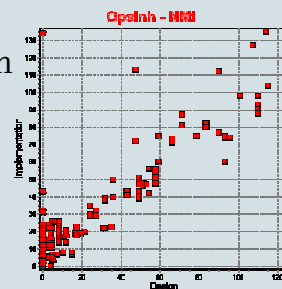
- Heuristic:
 - Existing relations between two packages predict other relations
- Requirements
 - Development view in design
 - Directory layout for source code
 - Partial matching exists
- Purpose
 - Limit search space of other methods



Matching with Metric profiles (1)

- There exist correlations between design metrics and implementation metrics of a system
- Correlating metrics define *metric profile* of a class
 - Let c be a class, then

$$m(c) = (m_{1,c}, \dots, m_{n,c})$$
 - Pairwise correlations between metrics in design profile and implementation profile



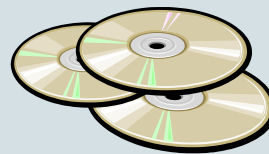
Matching with Metric Profiles (2)

- Let d be a design class and i an implementation class
- Given metric value for design predict value for implementation metric and compare with real value

$$\text{sim}(d,i) = \sum_n \rho_n | \beta_{0,n} + m(d)_n \beta_{1,n} - m(i)_n |$$
- The implementation class that fits best matches to the design class

Case study

- Characteristics
 - Industrial case
 - Firmware for DVD recorder
 - Design
 - UML 1.4
 - 346 classes
 - Implementation
 - C++
 - 777 classes
 - Lines of Code: 2,558,216
- Approach:
 - Initial matching based on names
 - Empirical analysis for metric profile approach



Correlating metrics

Design	Implementation	Corr. Coefficient
# Ops. inherited	# Ops. inherited	0.924
Depth of inh. tree	Depth of Inh. tree	0.883
Coupl. objects	Data abstr. coupl.	0.816
# Ops. inherited	# Protected ops.	0.889
# Ops. inherited	Depth of inh. tree	0.829
# Priv. operations	# Priv. operations	0.223
# Attributes	# Attributes	0.184

For all correlation coefficient measures, the significance level $p < 0.01$

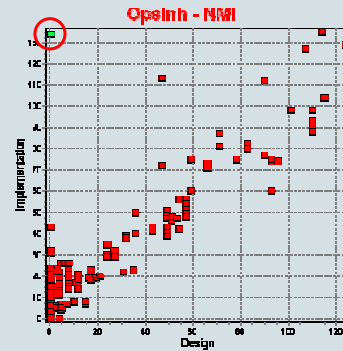
Case study results

- Classification of deviations from design found
 - Introduction of (private/protected) attributes and operations
 - Introduction of new classes (decomposition of design classes)
 - Unused dependencies
 - Changes in inheritance tree



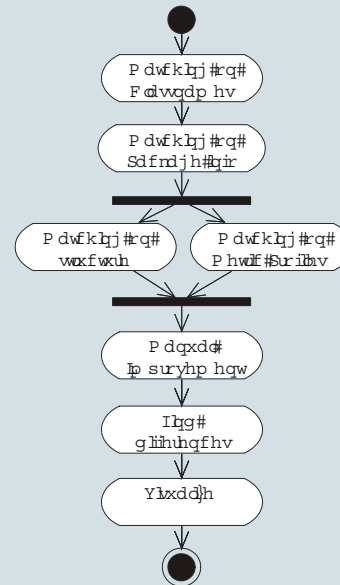
Conclusions

- Matching approaches
 - Matching based on names:
 - 77 % of design matched
 - ? % of implementation matched
 - Matching based on Metric Profiles
 - 0 % of design matched
 - 0 % of implementation matched
 - Metric Profile useful for highlighting deviations



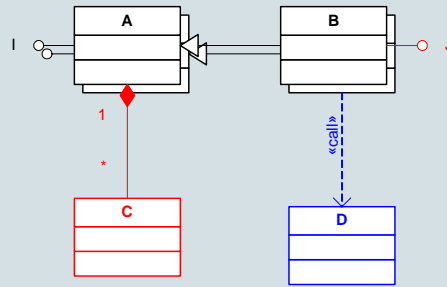
Combine strategies

- None of the approaches defines a complete matching
- Find initial matching using a good approach
- Cluster classifiers using package information
- Apply other matching approaches on clusters
- If everything else fails: human intelligence



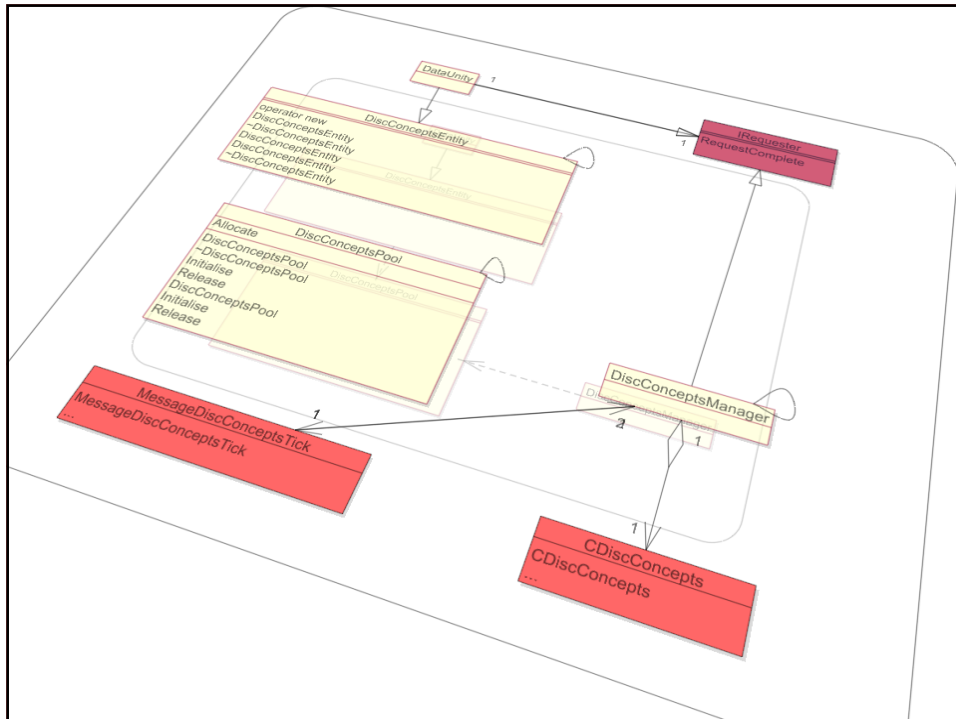
Visualization of differences

- Given a mapping, finding differences is quite straightforward
- Visualization using MetricView
- Overlay diagrams



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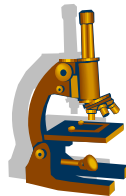
Further work

- What can be done to prevent correspondence issues?
- How can correspondence be established?
- What is the impact of correspondence issues?
- How much correspondence is needed?
- What about clustering



MetricView Evolution

- Monitoring Architectural Quality -



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Outline

- Motivation & Context
- User Profiles
- Goals & Existing Tooling
- Prototyped Ideas
- Tool Demo
- Findings
- Future Work



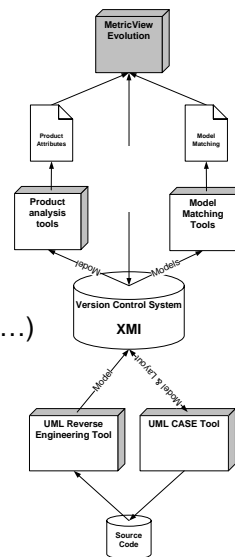
□ Motivation

- Metrics offer benefits but are hard to use
- Metrics are often separated from model
- Metrics offer a low abstraction level
- Current Metric tooling focuses on single point in time



□ Context

- Data:
 - UML/XMI standard, many dialects
 - External Metrics
 - Matching Data
- Tooling:
 - CASE (Rose, Together, EA, ...)
 - Reverse Engineering (Columbus, ...)
 - Version Control (SVN, CVS, ...)
 - Correspondence (DICT, ...)
 - Analysis (SAAT, SDMetrics, ...)





□ Three types of user profiles

➤ Software Architect

- Monitor Quality over time
- Identify Weak Points

➤ Project Manager / Client

- Monitor Quality from a high level perspective

➤ Maintainer

- Identify weak points with their cause
- Estimate impact of needed changes



□ Main Goals

➤ Monitor Quality

- Support analysis for multiple versions

➤ Provide Abstraction from Metrics

- Aggregation on Multiple levels
- Tailorable, using Custom Quality Model

➤ Provide Easy access to Metrics

- Fast and Accurate Navigation
- Short feedback cycle
 - Keep Model and Metrics together
 - One tool to extract and visualize them

Goals & Existing Tooling



Existing UML Metrics Tooling

➤ SAAT

- Easy Metric Definition: Relational Database / SQL
- Maintainability (Dialects...): XSLT / Perl parser
- No Visual feedback
- Hard to install: Dependencies

➤ SDMetrics

- Fast
- Many metric definitions / Design rules
- Visualization rather basic

➤ MetricView

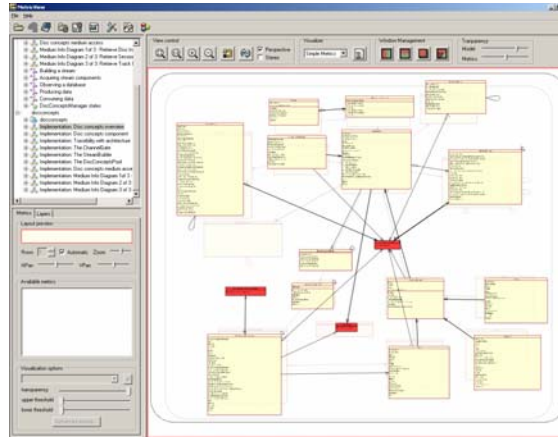
- Integrated Model and Metrics
- Visualization
- No integrated Metric calculation

Prototyped Ideas



- Layout-Adjustment
- Correspondence Visualization
- Metrics over time
- Quality Tree
- Timeline
- Lange-Diagram
- Context Diagram
- Search & Highlight

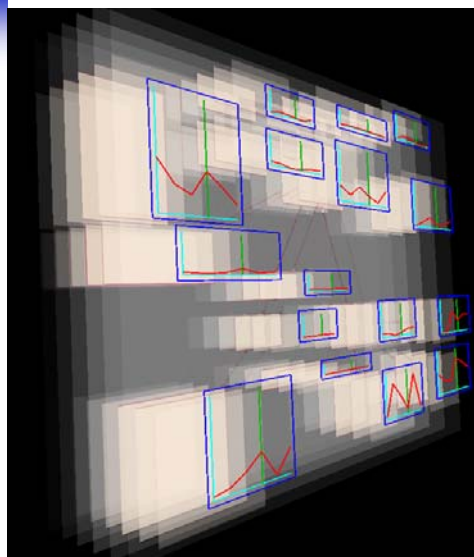
Prototype - Correspondence



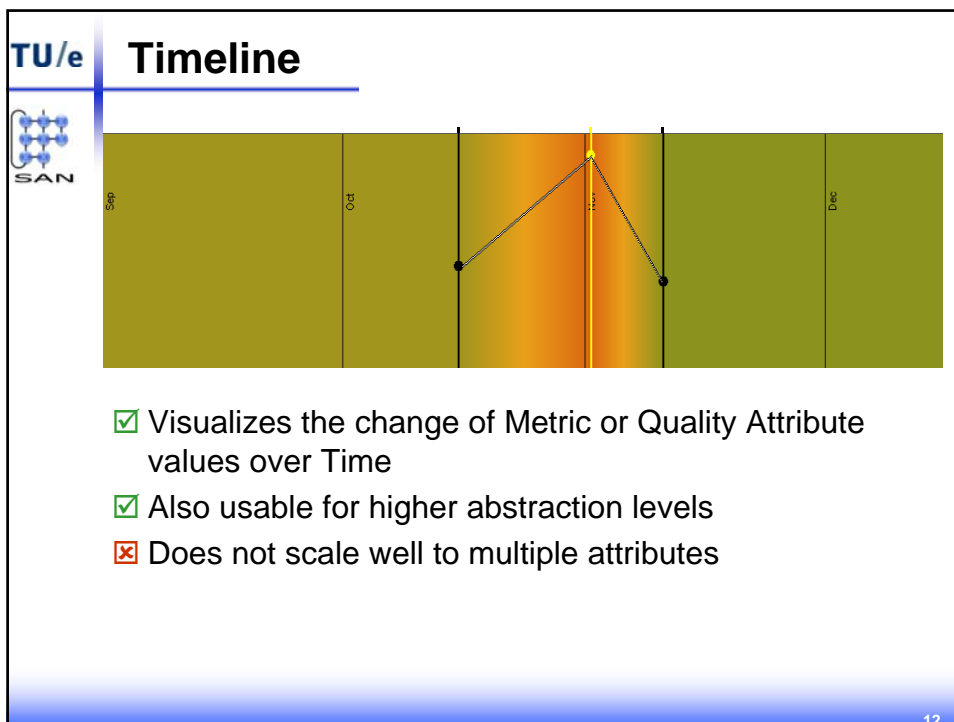
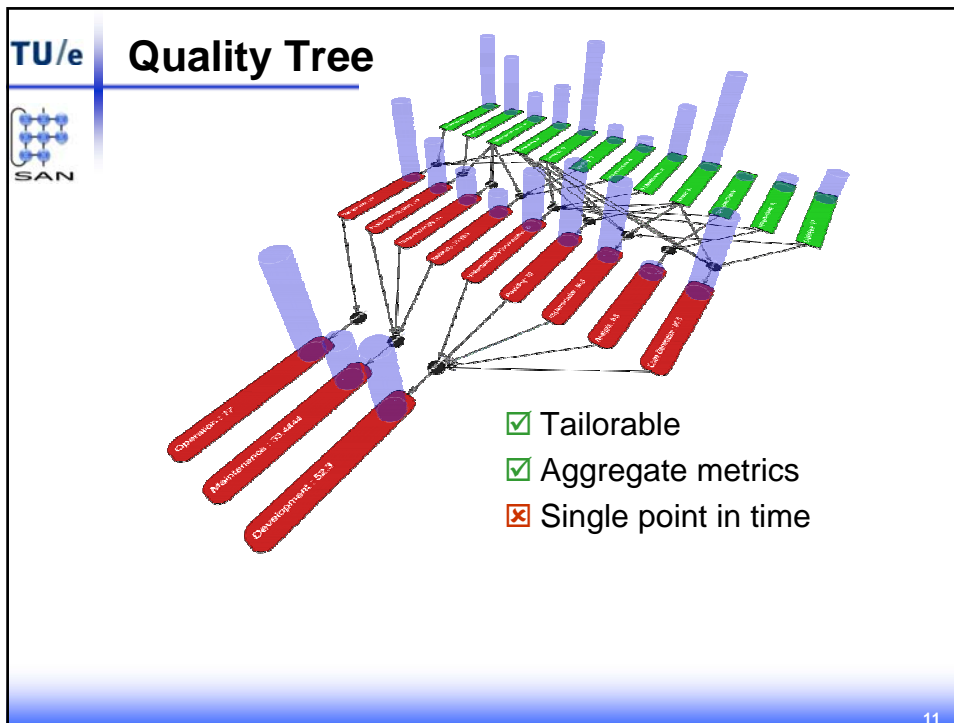
- ✓ Quickly spot differences
- ✗ Layout construction

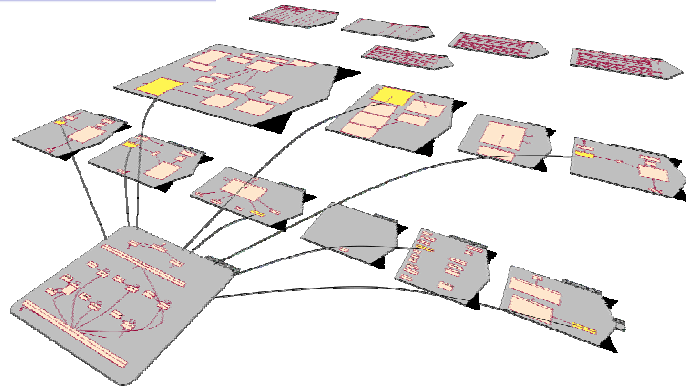
Secondary goal: Explore MetricView implementation

Prototype – Metrics over Time



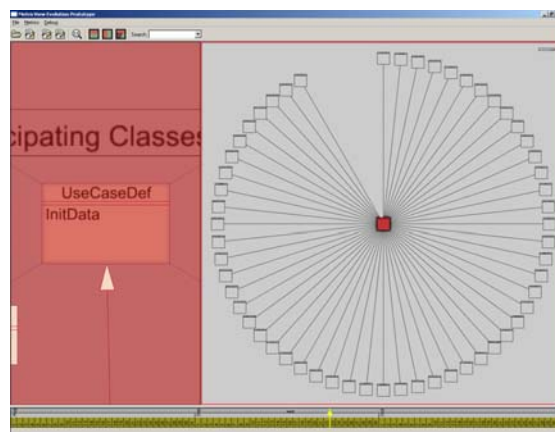
- ✓ Metrics changing over time
- ✗ Changes in structure less clear in case of many versions





- System Overview, including inter-diagram relations
- Layout Scalability

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- Context in complete model, not just one diagram

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DEMO

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TU/e **MetricView Evolution**



- Benefits:
 - Overview of relations between diagrams
 - Context-Diagram reveals obscured problems
 - Highlighting same element in multiple diagrams
 - Search by keyword for quick navigation
- Disadvantage
 - Class level metrics give too much detail
 - Scalability for large models

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- Suggestions for usage
 - Pattern Detection (context diagram)
 - Impact Prediction (context diagram)
 - Implicit Relations (search & highlight)
- Incomplete models
 - Design Decision not model everything




- Improve Visualizations
 - Higher Abstraction levels
 - Reports
 - Dynamic Layout
 - Design Smells
- Multiple Version support
 - Specific Metrics?
 - Integrate with CVS-like tools
- Validation
 - Integration
 - During development, rather than afterwards
 - Usability Testing

TU/e **Questions**



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TU/e **Introduction to Software Metrics**



- ❑ What are software metrics?
 - Specification for Quantification of Software Attributes
- ❑ What can you do with them?
 - Understand
 - Control
 - Improve
- ❑ Who wants them?
 - Anyone who wants to *systematically* understand, control or improve software quality
- ❑ Why Architecture Metrics?
 - Early detection means easier/cheaper to fix

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Benevol, May 26th 2005 (Eindhoven, The Netherlands)

Type Reconstruction

- [Context: program understanding in dynamically typed languages
 - e.g. extraction of class diagrams
- [Type Reconstruction
 - input: program without types
 - output: program with types

Trade-offs

- [Precision vs. efficiency
 - We chose efficiency for usage in a development browser
 - Use Heuristics as basis for the reconstruction
 - instead of full reconstruction

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Heuristics

- [Direct sends to instance variable
- [Indirect sends to instance variables (getter methods)
- [Direct assignment expressions
- [Indirect assignment expressions (setter methods)
- [(Type snooping)

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Implementations

— [Using LiCoR (Library for Code Reasoning) in SOUL

— on the parse tree

— average: 500 milliseconds / instance variable

— more elaborate and easier to extend

— [Using partial evaluation on the byte code

— average: 30 milliseconds / class

Demo

The screenshot shows the Smalltalk IDE interface for the `Point` class. The main window displays the class definition in the `Source` tab, which includes the following code:

```
Smalltalk.Core defineClass: #Point
  superclass: #(Core.ArithmeticValue)
  indexedType: #none
  private: false
  instanceVariableNames: 'x y'
  classInstanceVariableNames: ''
  imports: ''
  category: 'Graphics-Geometry'
```

On the right side of the editor, the `Source+Types` tab is active, showing the instance variables `y` and `x`, both of type `Number`. The `Package` is `Graphics-Geometry`. The `Class` is `Core.Point` and the `Parcel` is `none`.

Conclusions & Future Work

[Works

- *About 80%* of correctness on built-in libraries
- Better on domain-specific code

[Future Work

- Fix *About*
- Will do this on (untyped) Java code and compare results



Challenges in Software Evolution

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Challenges in Software Evolution

- The presented results are the outcome of the ChaSE 2005 workshop
 - Financed by ESF and ERCIM
 - April 2005, Bern, Switzerland
- Scientific goals
 - to discuss about and identify the main challenges in software evolution
 - to address the above goal from different points of view



Classification of challenges

- **Multidimensional classification**
 - **Time dimension**
 - Short-term, medium-term, long-term research
 - **Type of software evolution research**
 - Managing software evolution
 - Understanding software evolution
 - Analysing software evolution
 - **Interested stakeholder**
 - Manager, end-user, developer, teacher, tool builder, software engineer, ...
 - **Type of artifact under study**
 - Formalism, tool, model, language, process, people, ...
 - **Type of support provided**
 - Same list as before...

Preserving and improving sw quality

- How can we provide tools and techniques that preserve or even improve the software quality, whatever its size, complexity, level of abstraction?

Michel Chaudron
Peter Ebraert
Kim Mens

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
long	Controlling & supporting evolution	developer, project manager, end-user	Software system	tools, techniques, formalisms, processes

Supporting model evolution

Christian Lange

- Design and modeling tools provide little evolution support
- evolution techniques needed at higher level of abstraction
 - A&D models, SW architectures, requirements, ...
- Model-driven engineering makes this challenge very relevant

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
short	controlling, supporting	software engineer	models	tools, techniques, formalisms

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Supporting co-evolution

Christian Lange,
Dennis Van Opzeeland

- We urgently need better techniques to achieve co-evolution
 - Synchronisation, consistency maintenance, inconsistency management, traceability, change propagation, ...
- between different types of software artifacts or different representations
 - Programs and design models
 - Software and the organisation
 - Software and languages, tools, platforms

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
medium	controlling, supporting	software engineer	any pair of related artifacts	tools, techniques, formalisms

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Formal support for evolution

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Tom Mens

- Some formal methods not amenable for an evolutionary setting
 - e.g., no incremental verification
- Formalisms for specific evolution activities needed
 - e.g., for refactoring

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
medium - long	all	researcher	formalisms	formalisms

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Need for empirical research

- empirical and statistical studies needed to assess impact of process models, tools, languages, and people's experience on software evolution

Christian Lange
Dennis Van Opzeeland

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
long	analysing	researcher	any evolving artifact	statistical models, empirical studies

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Need for evolution benchmarks

Kim Mens

- Commonly agreed representative benchmark or case studies to compare the developed formalisms, tools, techniques on relevant and typical problems
- Getting data from industrial setting is not easy, but there are many open-source, long-lived, industrial size projects

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
short - medium	understanding, comparing	researcher	software system	benchmarks, exemplars, cases

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Runtime evolution

Bram Adams

- There is a need for proper support of runtime adaptations that allow systems to evolve while they are running, without needing to pause them or shut them down
 - Reflective techniques, metadata

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
short - medium	Controlling, supporting	developer, end-user	languages, execution platforms	languages, execution platforms, programs

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Challenge: Teaching software evolution

- How can we introduce the ideas and techniques of evolution into our educational system?
 - What do we want to teach to our students?
 - How can we teach this?
 - Where does it fit in the CS curriculum?

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
short	teaching	teacher, student	any	slides, exercises, case studies, tools, books, ...

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A common software evolution platform

- Proposed research solutions need to scale up to long-lived industrial-size software system
- Required tools are too complex to be built in isolation
- Need for a common platform, tool integration, exchange formats, standards and so on
- Candidates: MOOSE, Eclipse

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
medium	Applied research	researcher	programs	tools, frameworks, platforms, standards, exchange formats

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Evolution as a language construct

- Change should be a first-class entity in programming or modelling languages
- Evolution support is easier in dynamically typed languages with reflective capabilities

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
short - medium	controlling, supporting	language designer, tool builder, researcher	languages	languages and programs

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Supporting multi-language systems

- Many complex and large systems are built using 3 or more languages
- Evolution techniques should be parameterisable on or independent of the language

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
medium - long	controlling, supporting	tool builder	languages, software systems	tools, standards

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Integrating change into dev. process

- Change must be integrated into conventional development process models
- Some, like agile development, already embrace change as essential
- Others, like the staged life-cycle model, have explicit support for evolution

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
medium	managing, controlling	manager, software engineer	software process model	software process model

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Increasing manager's awareness

- Managers have to realise the importance and inevitability of software evolution
- Teach them how to plan, organise and control projects to cope with change

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
short	motivating	manager, researcher		metaphors

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Developing better versioning systems

- Many analyses of software evolution based on CVS or related tools
 - these weren't built for that purpose and don't store enough information
- New techniques and tools needed for recording the evolution of a system
- SCM is related

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
short	analysing	tool builder	version control tools	tools

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Integrating and analysing evolutionary data

- Scattered information about system changes
 - bug reports, source code, documentation, configuration files, ...
- very large data sets, especially for long-lived systems
- Need efficient and heterogeneous techniques
- Extensible meta-models, data mining, and bioinformatics may be relevant

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
medium	analysing	researcher	all relevant info about sw system's evolution	techniques, tools

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A theory of software evolution

- Lehman has developed laws, but they need to be formalised and enriched
- May borrow ideas from evolutionary biology or linguistic evolution
- The what (noun) and how (verb) of evolution are still mostly disconnected
- How does the gathered data inform tools, techniques and formalisms?

time	research type	stakeholder	artifact	support
long	understanding, analysing	researcher	everything	theories, formalisms, laws, ...

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Software Evolution Case Studies

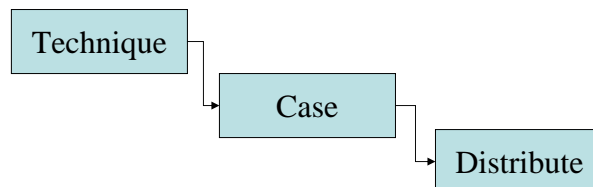
Filip Van Rysselberghe

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Case study

“Aspect mining research results will have to be validated by means of a series of case studies.”

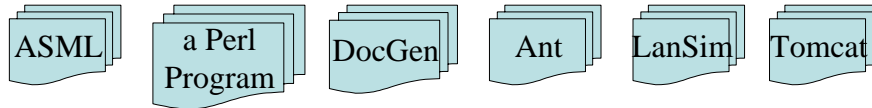


= illustrate the applicability on a concrete project

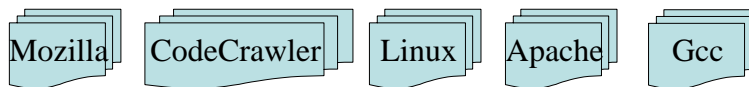


Examples

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Comparison

 A case per group/technique

- We can't compare using a different basis!
- We can't build on each other's findings

 Are we really that different?

- Understanding, quality of architectures, aspect mining,...
- It's all about Software Evolution!
 - ⇒ Similar solutions?
 - ⇒ Common problems?

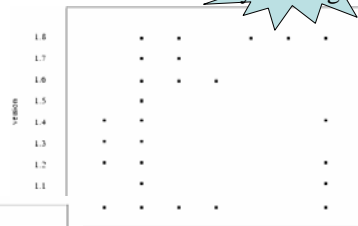
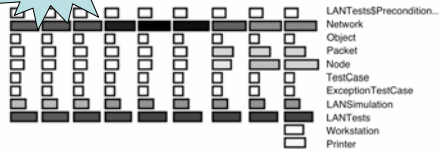


LanSimulation

Which components are strongly coupled?

Lanza

Rysselberghe



Ratzinger



Representative

- Common evolution characteristics?
 - What's typical/common?
 - Enough information about evolution?
- Characteristics of the case?
 - How do we measure?
 - Amount of info available?
 - When?



Retrospective View

Common

- Life-cycle
- Constant change
- Feature requests
- Large/Coarse

Case (Tomcat)



Retrospective View

Common

- Life-cycle
- Constant change
- Feature requests
- Large/Coarse

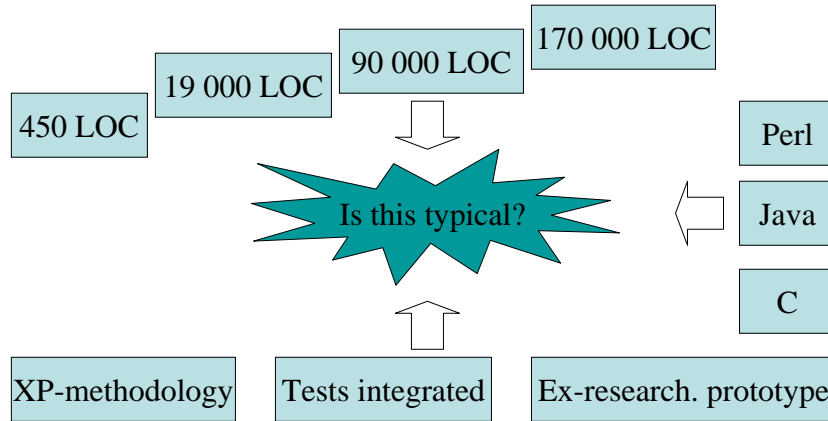
Case (Tomcat)

- Build from previous product
- Constant change
- Implements specification
- Limited/Coarse

- Java
- Design docs/rationale
- Mailing Archives



Your characteristics



Literature characteristics

- System serves a user base
- User base has changing demands
- Generally grows
- Constant change (bugs/functional)

YES!

I would...

NO!

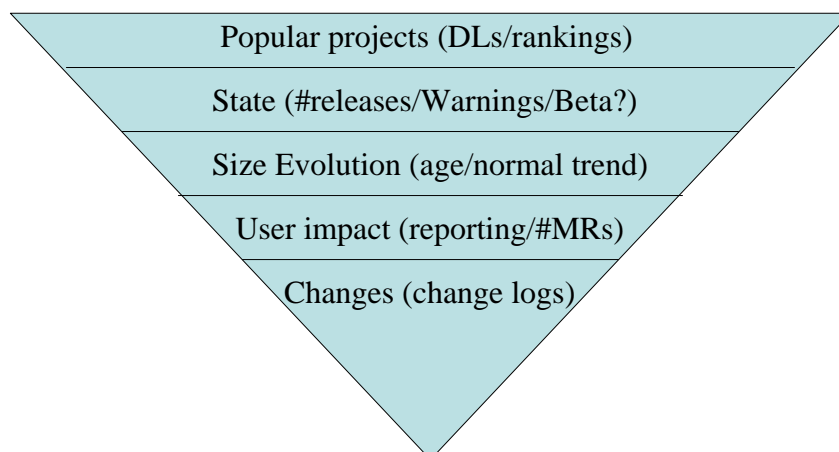


Case Selection

- How do we select our cases?
 - Based on measures? Which?
 - Based on quality of information?
- Where do we search?
- How did you act in the past?



Maybe like this?





Conclusion

- Many open questions!
 - Common Characteristics?
 - Case Selection?



Discuss

Speak with others about it;
talk it over in detail ;
have a discussion ;



Analysing refactorings with graph transformation theory

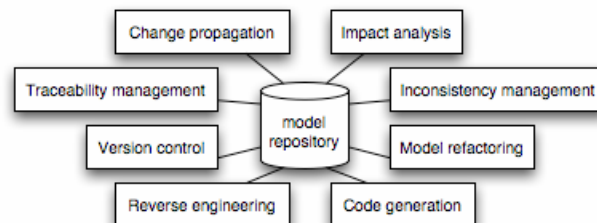
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Introduction - Software Evolution

- More and better **tool support** needed for **software evolution**
 - At all levels of abstraction (e.g. programs and models)
 - For a variety of different activities



Introduction - Software Evolution

- Formalisms can be helpful for such evolution support
 - **Description logics**
 - For **model inconsistency management**
 - collaboration with R. Van Der Straeten, VUB
 - **Graph transformation**
 - For supporting **software refactoring**
 - Reasoning about preservation properties
 - collaboration with D. Janssens and S. Demeyer, UA
 - Analysing refactoring dependencies
 - collaboration with G. Taentzer and O. Runge, TU Berlin

Graph transformations

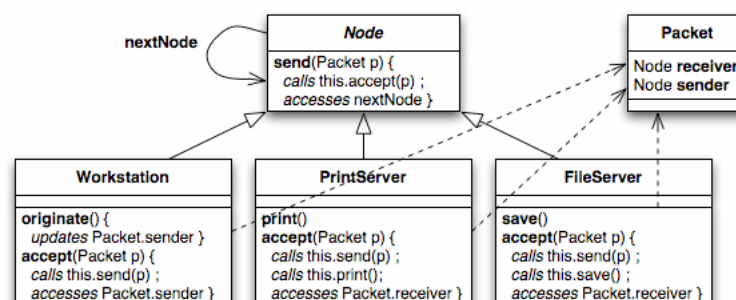
- **GT theory** theoretical results can help during analysis of model refactorings
 - type graph, negative application conditions, parallel and sequential (in)dependence, confluence and critical pair analysis
- **GT tools** allow us to perform concrete experiments
 - **AGG** (in collaboration with Berlin)
- **Current focus**
 - Analysing dependencies between class diagram refactorings

Analysing refactoring dependencies

- **Concrete Scenario: Suggest refactoring opportunities**
 - What are the alternatives of a selected refactoring?
 - Which other refactorings need to be applied first in order to make the selected refactoring applicable?
 - Which other refactorings are still applicable after applying the selected refactoring?
- **Goal: Automate the detection of**
 - mutual exclusion relationships between refactorings
 - sequential dependencies between refactorings

Analysing refactoring dependencies

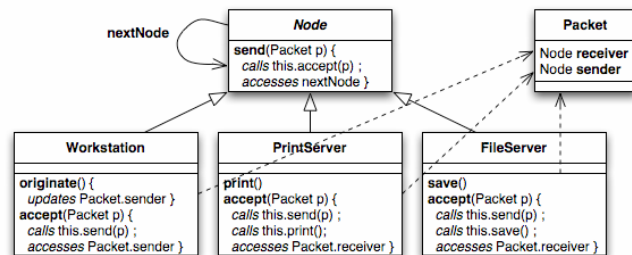
• Example



Analysing refactoring dependencies

• Refactoring opportunities

- T1 Rename Method print in PrintServer to process
- T2 Rename Method save in FileServer to process
- T3 Create Superclass Server for PrintServer and FileServer
- T4 Pull Up Method accept from PrintServer and FileServer to Server



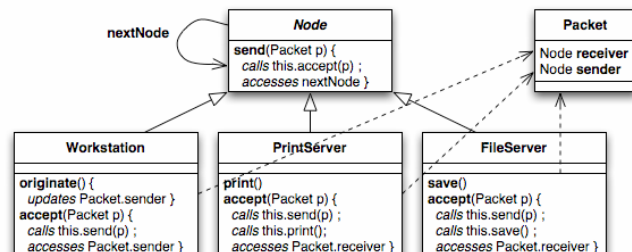
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Analysing refactoring dependencies

• Refactoring opportunities

- T5 Move Method accept from PrintServer to Packet
- T6 Move Method accept from FileServer to Packet
- T7 Encapsulate Variable receiver in Packet
- T8 Add Parameter p of type Packet to method print in PrintServer
- T9 Add Parameter p of type Packet to method save in FileServer



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Analysing refactoring dependencies

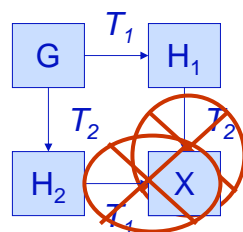
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T3			×	←			×		
T4				×	×	×			
T5					×	×			
T6						×		×	×
T7							×	←	
T8								×	×
T9									×

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Applying graph transformation theory

- Approach: Use critical pair analysis in AGG
 - T_1 and T_2 form a *critical pair* if
 - they can both be applied to the same initial graph G but
 - applying T_1 prohibits application of T_2 and/or vice versa

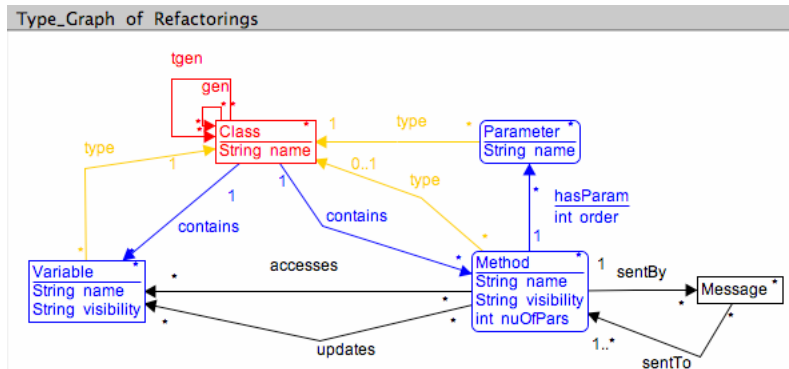


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Applying graph transformation theory

Step 1: Express object-oriented metamodel as (attributed) type graph

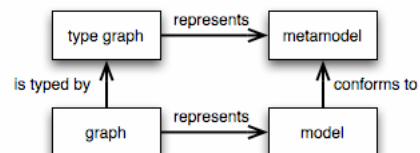


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Interludium

• Type graphs versus metamodels

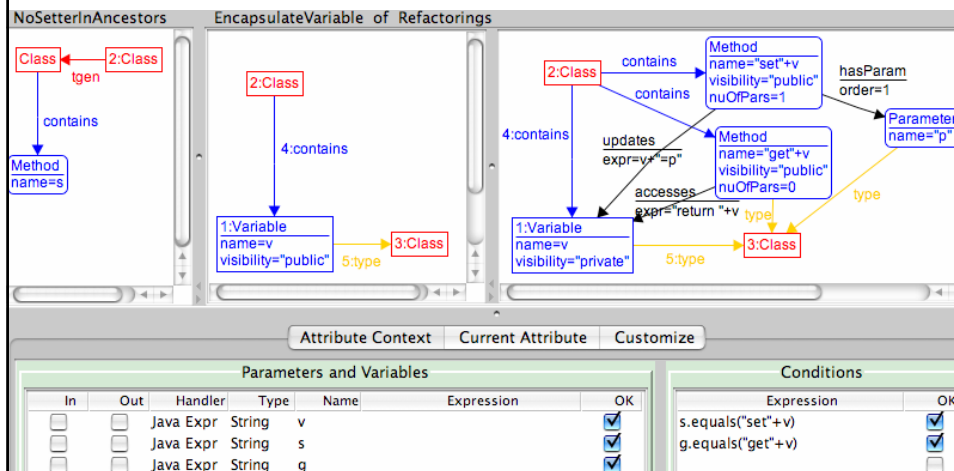


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Applying graph transformation theory

Step 2: Express refactorings as (typed attributed) graph transformations



Applying graph transformation theory

Step 3: Detect critical pairs between refactoring transformations

- Potential conflicts between refactorings

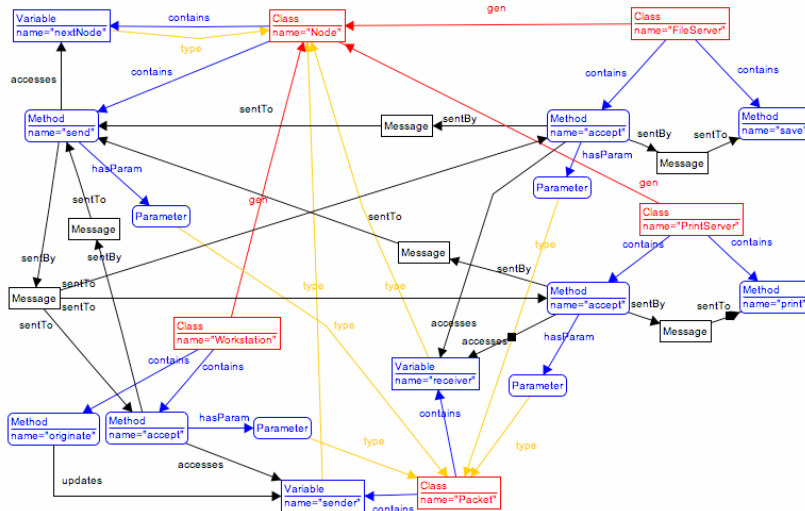
The screenshot shows a 'Critical Pairs' matrix with 11 rows and 11 columns. The rows and columns are labeled with refactoring transformations: 1: MoveVariable, 2: MoveMethod, 3: PullUpVariable, 4: PullUpMethod, 5: CreateSuperclass, 6: EncapsulateVariable, 7: AddParameter, 8: RemoveParameter, 9: RenameClass, 10: RenameVariable, 11: RenameMethod. The matrix cells contain numbers representing the number of critical pairs between the corresponding transformations. A '14' is visible in the bottom right corner of the window.

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3: PullUpVariable	3	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
4: PullUpMethod	0	4	0	3	0	2	3	3	0	0	1
5: CreateSuperclass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
6: EncapsulateVariable	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7: AddParameter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
8: RemoveParameter	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
9: RenameClass	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
10: RenameVariable	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
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Applying graph transformation theory

Step 4: Fine-tune critical pairs in context of concrete input graph

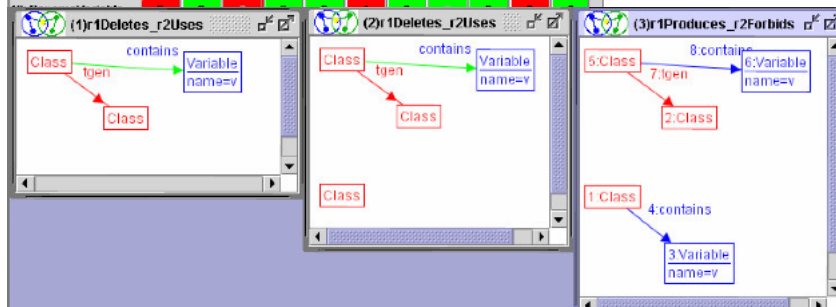
Before Application of Refactorings



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Applying graph transformation theory

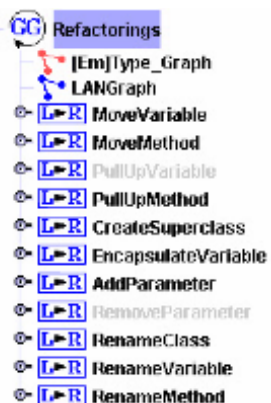
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8: RemoveParameter	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
9: RenameClass	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0



Applying graph transformation theory

- Step 5: Perform sequential dependency analysis

To identify dependencies between refactorings that are applicable



Conclusion

- Graph transformation theory is a suitable formalism for understanding software refactoring

Graph Transformation	Refactoring
type graph, invariants	wf-constraints
negative application conditions	preconditions
parameterised graph production with NACs and context conditions mechanism	Refactoring transformation
Critical pair analysis	Detecting mutual exclusion
Confluence analysis	Detecting sequential dependencies



Refactoring Architectural Style

using KWIC as a case-study

Marc van Kempen
Michel Chaudron

Outline

Introduction / Motivation

Case Study: KWIC

Basics of CSP

Pipe & Filter → BlackBoard

Client-Server → BlackBoard

Correspondence to implementation

Conclusions

Introduction

What is Refactoring?

What is Architectural Style?

Codification of common recurring patterns of software design

Construction paradigms for (a set of) design dimensions

A vocabulary of components, connectors and constraints on these can be combined (structure).

Examples: Pipe and Filter, Client/Server, Blackboard

Motivation/Contributions

Motivation:

Architecture-level refactoring

Useful for system migration, integration of large systems

Repair “mistakes” early in the development process

Understanding architectural styles

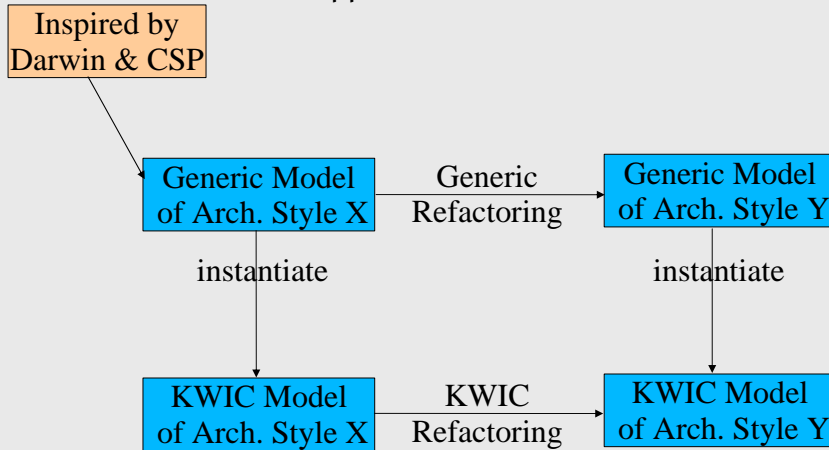
Relation between styles (commonalities/differences)

Research Separating Styles from Components

Exogeneous styles enhance component usability

Avoid architectural mismatch => ease evolution

Approach



Connecting Connectors and Components

What is a connector?

Intermediates messages between components

Shields component from interaction protocol

What is a component?

Lots of definitions: “A unit of composition with clearly specified interfaces and explicit context dependencies only”

Aim: components should be reusable; hence unchanged by refactoring

Use (adapted) Darwin notation to describe connections between connectors and components.

Keyword In Context (KWIC)

Based on a paper by Parnas (1972)

Garlan & Shaw (1994) use KWIC to illustrate the influence of Architectural Styles on Architectural Design

Good case to study refactoring between styles

KWIC (2)

What is KWIC?

Algorithm to generate alphabetically sorted permutations of an input sentence.

A permutation of a sentence is a sentence where the words are shifted one position to the right, the rightmost word is put at the beginning of the sentence. Repeat until the original sentence is reached.

KWIC(3)

Example input:

"Refactoring architectural styles"

Permutations:

"Refactoring architectural styles"

"Styles refactoring architectural"

"Architectural styles refactoring"

KWIC(4)

Sorted this becomes

"Architectural styles refactoring"

"Styles refactoring architectural"

"Refactoring architectural styles"

Which is also the expected output of the kwic process

CSP

What is CSP? Communicating Sequential Processes

Process algebra

Main operators:

Prefix: $a \rightarrow P$

Parallel composition: \parallel

Communication actions: $out!v$ and $in?x$

External choice: $(a \rightarrow P) \square (b \rightarrow Q)$

Why use CSP to describe the processes?

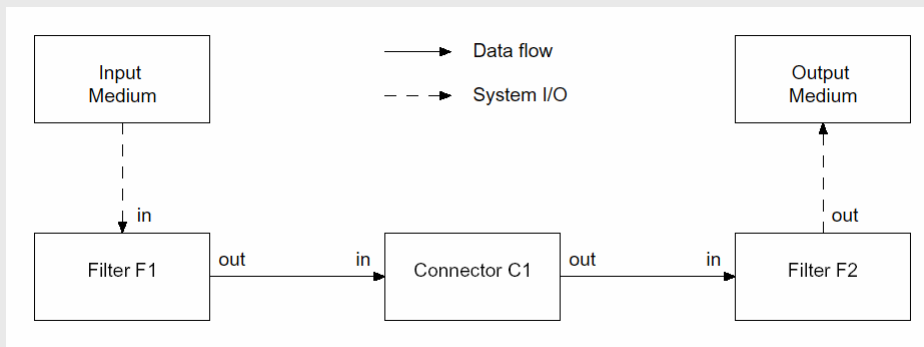
Formalization

Tools exist to prove properties of model

Pipe and Filter

What is pipe and filter?

Pipe and Filter architecture



CSP definition of Pipe and Filter

```

Define Filter = in?x → out!f(x) → Filter
      IN = out!x → IN
      OUT = in?x → OUT
      Connector = C(↔)
      C(↔) = in?x → C(↔x)
      C(s) = in?x → C(s^↔x) ↔ | x ≠ eof |> C'(s)
      C'(↔) = SKIP
      C'(s) = out!head(s) → C'(tail(s))
    
```

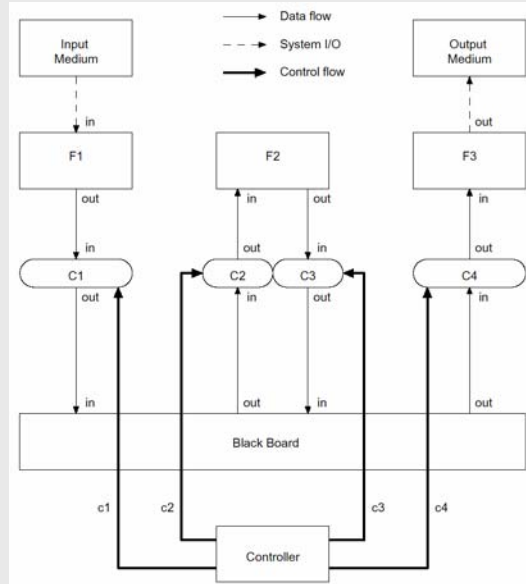
```

Let   Filter F1, F2
      Connector C1
      IN.out -- F1.in
      F1.out -- C1.in
      etc.
    
```

```

Then PF = IN || F1 || C1 || F2 || OUT
    
```


Blackboard Architecture Style



CSP definition of Blackboard

IN, OUT, Filter remain the same!

```

Define Connector = in?x → ctrl!x → out!x → Connector
BB(⟨x⟩) = in?x → BB(⟨x⟩)
BB(s) = (in?x → BB(s^⟨x⟩)) [] (out!head(s) → BB(tail(s)))
Controller = c1?x → Controller ⟨ | x ≠ eof | ⟩ Controller1
Controller1 = c2?x → c3?x → Controller1 ⟨ | x ≠ eof | ⟩ Controller2
Controller2 = c4?x → Controller2 ⟨ | x ≠ eof | ⟩ SKIP
    
```

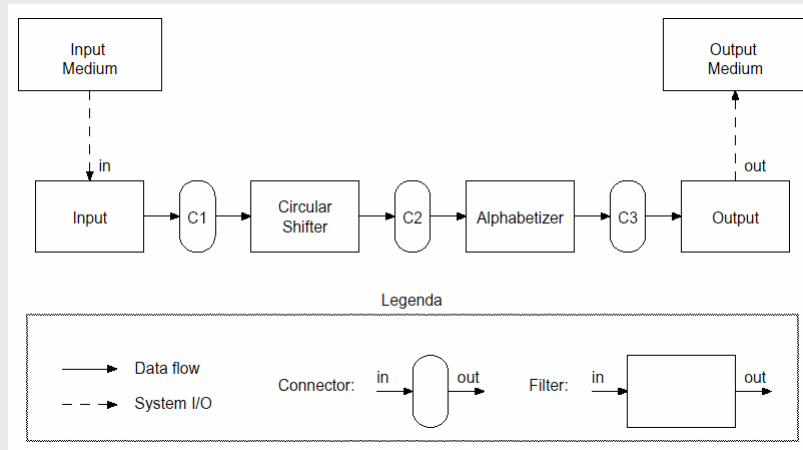
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Let Filter F1, F2, F3
Connector C1, C2, C3, C4
Controller Ctrl
BB BB1, BB2
    
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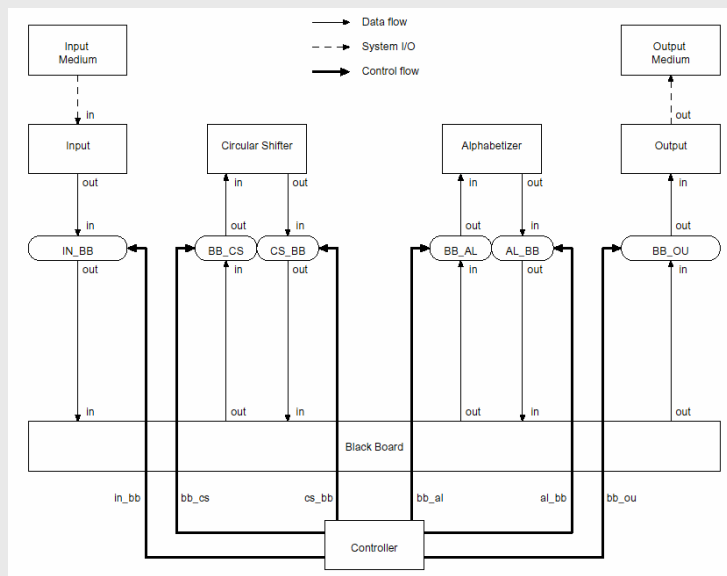
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Then Blackboard = IN || F1 || C1 || BB1 || C2 || F2 || C3 || BB 2 || C4 || OUT
    
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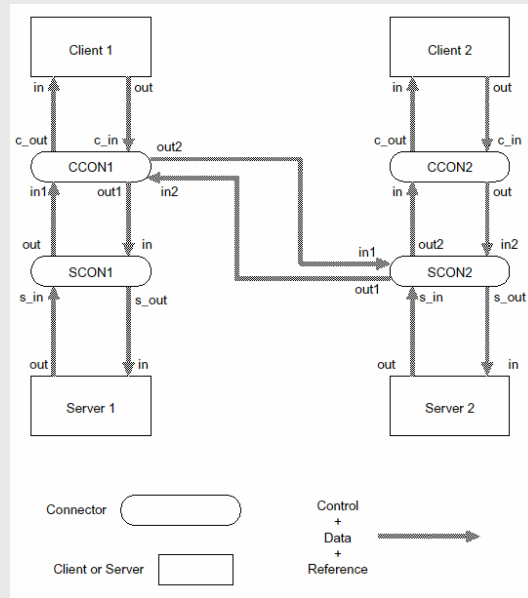
KWIC in Pipe and Filter architecture style



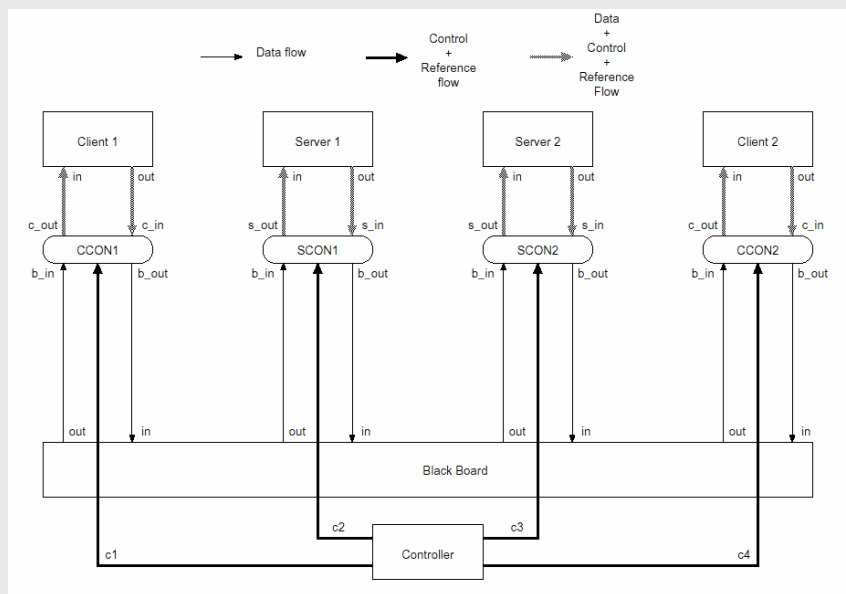
Refactor P&F to BB



Refactor Client-Server to Blackboard



Client/Server refactored to Blackboard



In Java

Java implementation is forthcoming, watch website.

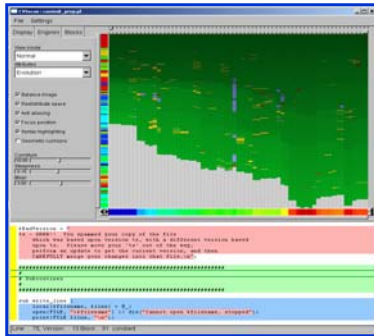
Contributions

Conclusions/Contributions

Distinguish control-flow, data-flow, reference-flow

It is possible to design 'style-agnostic components'

Styles are a means for glueing together components



EVISscan

Visualization of Software Evolution

Lucian Voinea
Alex Telea

– Benevol 2005 –
Eindhoven, Netherlands
27.05.2005



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Challenge

Maintenance costs / Total costs > 90%

Erikkh, L. (2000). "Leveraging legacy system dollars for E-business" (IEEE) IT Pro, May/June 2000, 17-23.

Bug discovery = 70 – 90% time

Stephen G. Eick; "CH21: Maintenance of larger systems" in "SV: Programming as a multimedia experience", MIT Press, 1998, p. 315

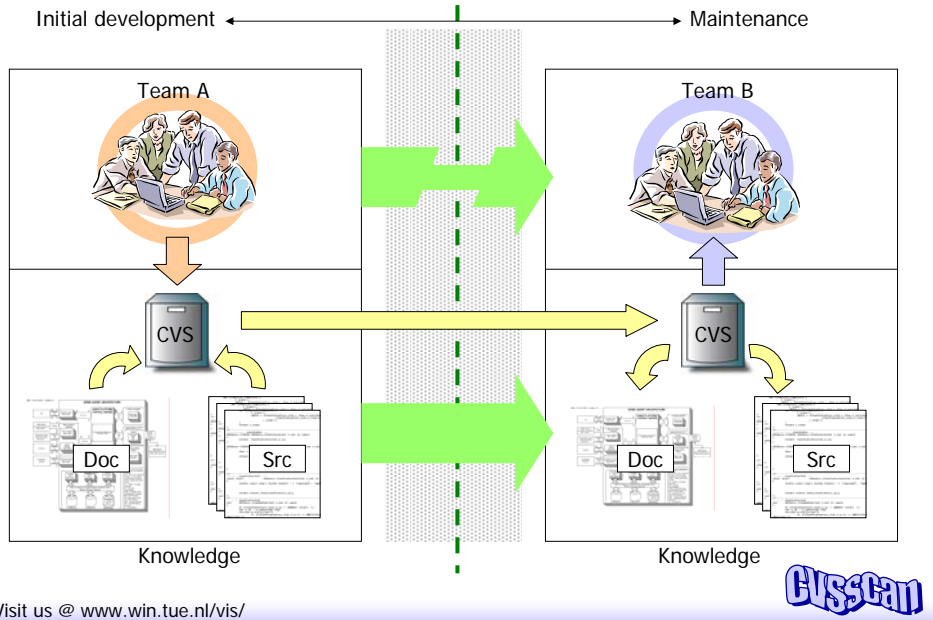
Code Analysis = 47 % time

Source: "Software Quality: Producing Practical, Consistent Software" Mordecai Ben-Menachem & Garry S. Marliss, Thomson Computer Press, 1997.

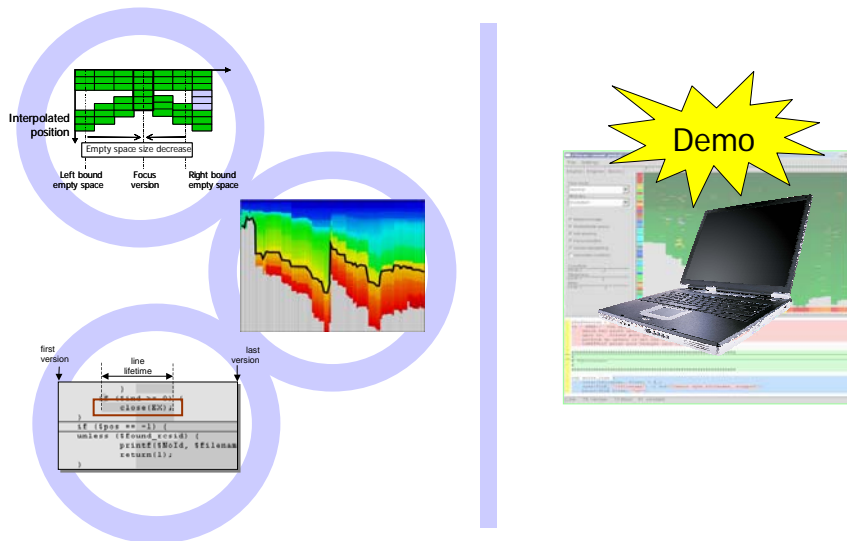


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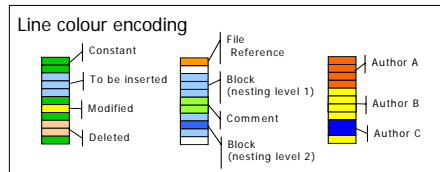
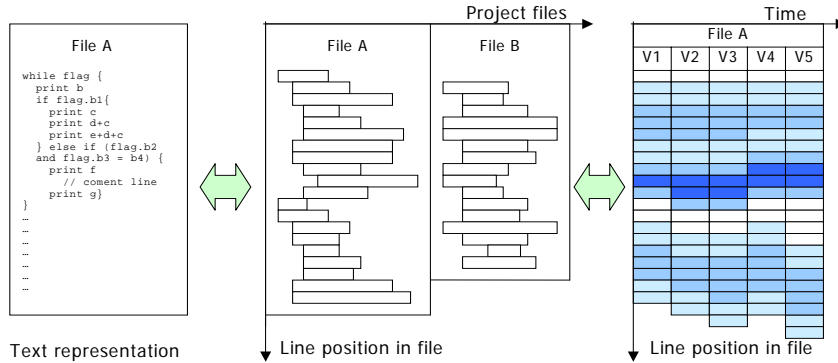


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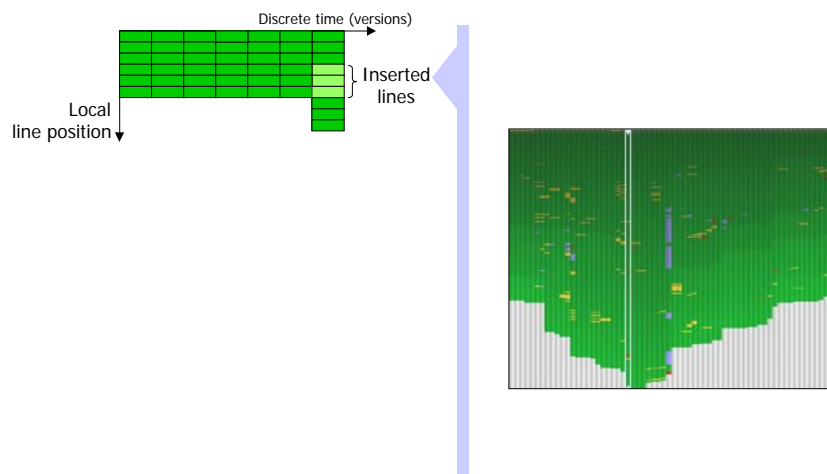
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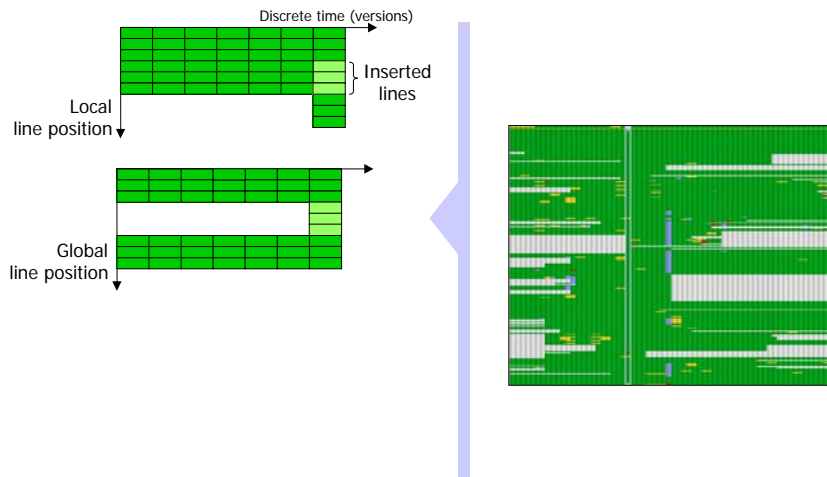
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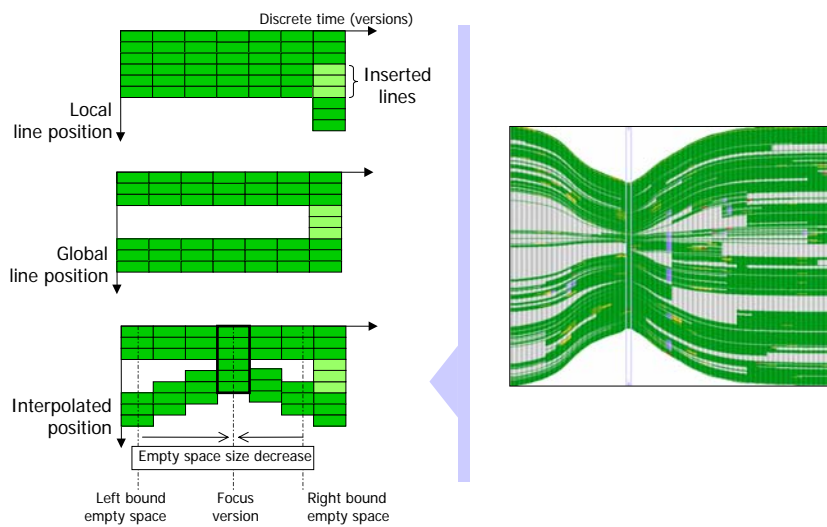
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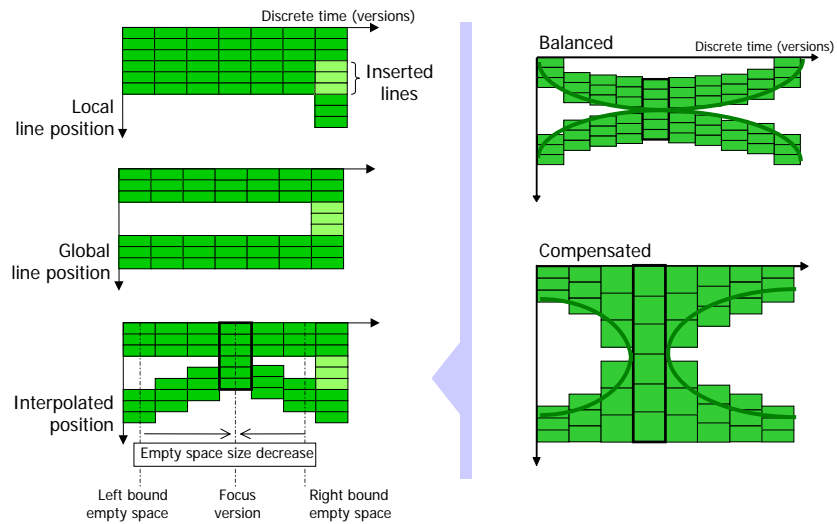
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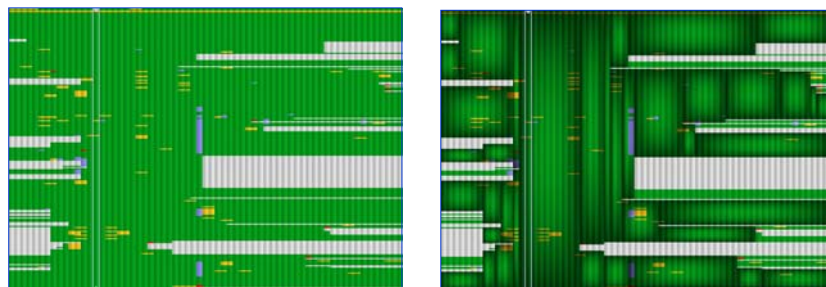
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Visual improvements

Antialiasing : Position based (to preserve structure)

Stable block detection : Cushion based



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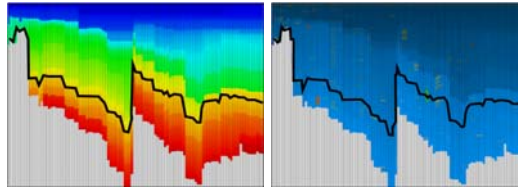
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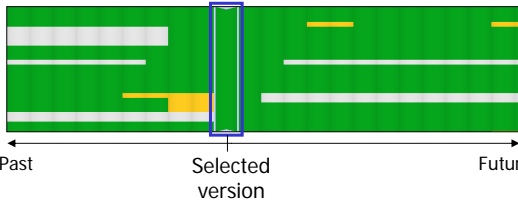
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Navigation :



Filtering :



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Interaction

Details on demand :

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    }
    return(0);
}

print "cname:fname, dir/file:fdirectory/filename,v,lo";

if (fname ne "fdirectory/filename,v" && fname ne "filename,v") {
    printf("%s\n", "fdirectory/filename,v", fname);
    return(1);
}

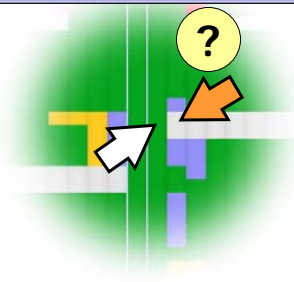
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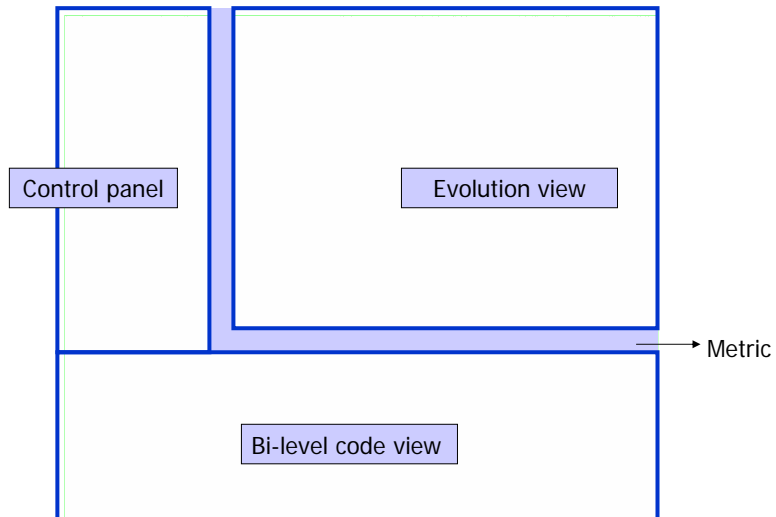
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    fname);
return(1);
}
    
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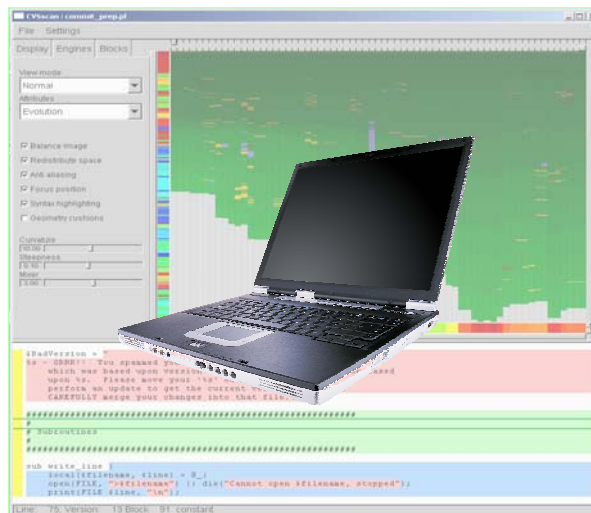
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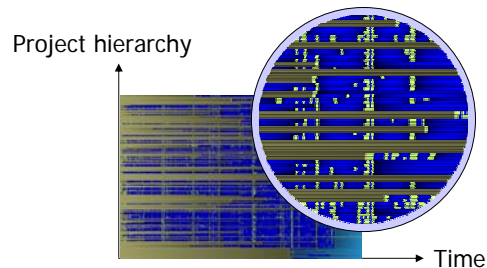
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- Offers version centric views on the system for relative assessment
- Appropriate mechanisms to navigate and browse the representation

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Future work

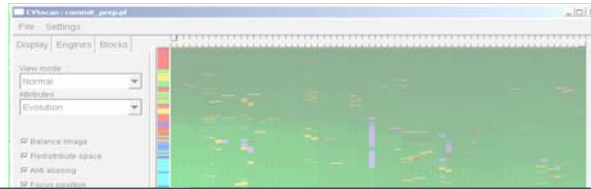
- Visualize the evolution of more files in parallel



- Enrich the information about file structure
 - requires language specialization

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Open file. Please save your file out of the way.
Perform an update to get the current version, and then
carefully merge your changes into that file, too!

#####
#
# PROLOGUES
#
#####
pub write_line {
  spawn(Followme, time) = 0;
  spawn(FIXE, "Followme") { die("Cannot open Followme, stopped");
  spawn(FIXE, time, "fix");
}
Line: 79, Version: 13 Block: 91 constant
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Bad smells and Refactorings

Let's answer 4 major questions

Peter Ebraert & Tom Mens



Answering 4 questions

- Are there relations between bad smells?
- Are there relations between refactorings?
- Are there more relations between bad smells and refactorings?
- Do refactorings really take away bad smells?

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Relations between bad smells?

- Model each bad smell as an IV
- Mine for relations
 - Find relations between bad smells
 - Check why intuitive relations do not hold
 - Fine-tune Bad smells Model

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Relations between refactorings?

- Model the refactoring prerequisites as IVs
- Mine for relations on a SW application
 - Find relations between refactorings

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Relations between bad smells and refactorings?

- Model each bad smell as an IV
- Model the different refac. prerequisites as IVs
- Mine for relations on a SW application
 - Answers the question whether we really can apply all refactorings (Fowler suggested) for solving a bad smell



Do refactorings really take away bad smells?

- Model each bad smell as an IV
- Find all bad smells in all CVS versions of a SW application and establish a "bad smell occurrence curve"
- Check the CVS comments to see whether refactorings were carried out on which points



Understanding Change

Where do we look at?

Filip Van Rysselberghe

Benevol 2005



Background

which change operations (and sequences) are applied?

- Many changes
 - Which ones are relevant?
- Relevant changes
 - Changes to remove design problems
 - Changes that influence the evolution
 - Refactorings



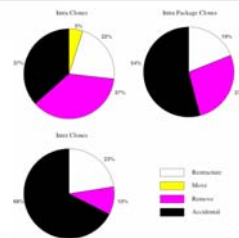
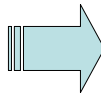
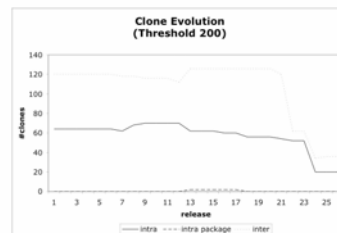
Approaches

- Problem-up
 - Focus a change when it removes a problem
- Evolution-up
 - Focus a change when its evolution changes
- Rationale-up
 - Focus a change when the developer tags it



Problem-up

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
CookieTools.java	0	1	0	0	1	0
Alp12ConnectionHandler.java	2	0	2	0	2	0
IncludeGenerator.java	0	1	0	1	0	0
EmbeddedServiceOptions.java	2	0	2	0	2	0
FileReasmTool.java	4	0	4	0	4	0
SimpleTcpEndpoint.java	0	1	0	1	0	0
DefaultServlet.java	0	1	0	1	0	0
WarFileServlet.java	0	1	0	1	0	0
ForwardGenerator.java	0	1	0	1	0	0
Parser.java	2	0	2	0	2	0
PostTcpEndpoint.java	0	1	0	1	0	0
CookieUtils.java	0	1	0	1	0	0
TagLibraryImpl.java	4	0	4	0	4	0
WebDescriptorFactoryImpl.java	2	0	2	0	2	0
LocaleToCharsetMap.java	2	0	2	0	2	0
ApacheConfig.java	0	0	0	0	0	0
MimeMap.java	0	0	0	0	0	0
ContextManager.java	0	0	0	0	0	0
DefaultCMSetter.java	0	0	0	0	0	0
LocaleToCharsetMap.java	0	0	0	0	0	0
MimeMap.java	0	0	0	0	0	0
ApacheConfig.java	0	0	0	0	0	0
JspcConfig.java	0	0	0	0	0	0
ErrorHandler.java	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	8	0	18	8	0



Experimented with other code smells as well.

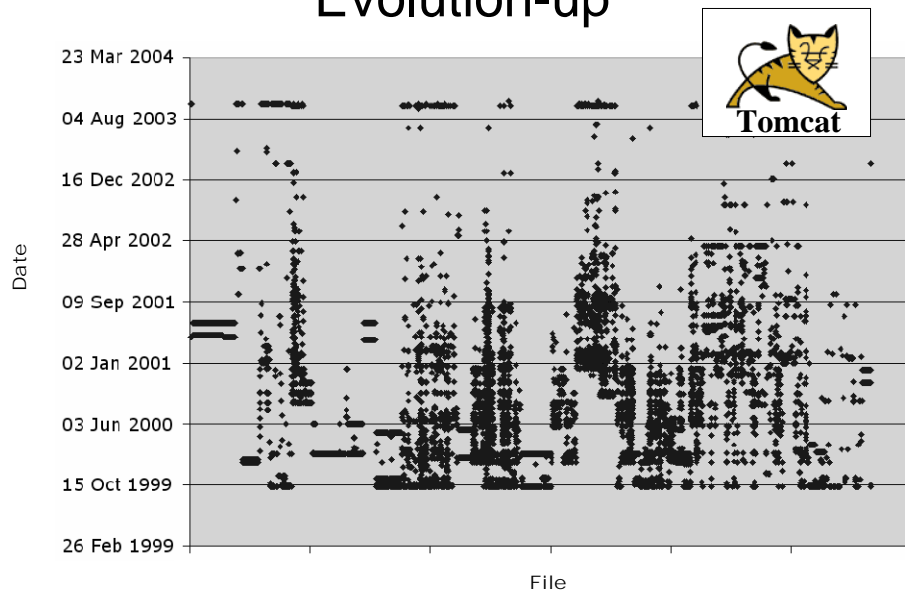


Problem-up experiences

- Manual validation
 - Time intensive
 - Need for a high level representation
 - Can graphs help us out?
- Change rationale
 - Why is not always as obvious
 - Link with additional info! Developers!



Evolution-up



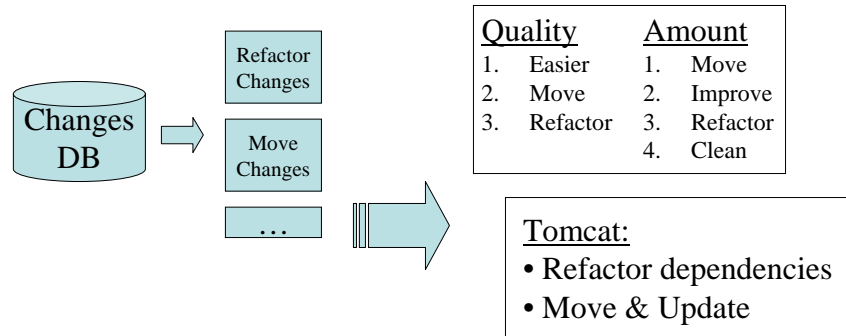


Evolution-up experiences

- Can we put it in a number?
 - Change rate?
 - Patterns?
- Suitable to study the effect of ...
 - A change?
 - A code smell/problem?
- Links to the rationale
 - Learns us more about the why!
- Still have to study actual changes
 - High-level change representation!



Rationale-up



project	MRs	refactorMRs	percentage
ArgoUML	8127	210	5%
Gaim	9906	4	0,04%
Jakarta-Tomcat	4098	60	1,40%
Jboss	7437	63	0,84%
PostgreSQL	20013	21	0,10%



Rationale-up Experiences

- Differences in CVSquality
 - Quick assessment of messages
- Branching is a problem
- High level change view!
- Rationale!



Conclusion